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China, India fail to resolve border row

BEIJING, Feb. 1 (R) — China and India have failed to resolve their long-standing border dispute in four days of confidential talks on the issue, the New China News Agency said Tuesday.

Diplomatic sources said the talks, the third round of such meetings, were expected to end Wednesday.

The agency said Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian Tuesday met the Indian delegation led by K.S. Bajpai, formerly India's ambassador in Peking and now secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs.

Bajpai's opposite number in the talks, Chinese special envoy Fu Hao, was present.

The agency said they agreed that frequent contacts and exchange of views between Chinese and Indian officials would help development of bilateral relations and promised to continue to work for a settlement of the boundary question.

It quoted sources close to the talks as saying they proceeded in a frank and friendly manner and added to mutual understanding — a phrase which analysts said indicated there was still some measure of disagreement.

The agency said the two sides also discussed the possibility of expanding trade and scientific and cultural exchanges. They had reached agreement on a number of items, it said, but gave no details.

Fahd in Makkah

MAKKAH, Feb. 1 (SPA) King Fahd arrived here Tuesday evening and prayed in the Holy Haram with thousands of others.

King Fahd was welcomed by Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and minister of defense, Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, deputy governor, and many other officials and citizens.

Egyptian train accident kills 19

CAIRO, Feb. 1 (AP) — A speeding train headed for the Mediterranean port of Alexandria from Cairo rammed into a stationary one in the Nile delta at dawn Tuesday, killing 19 and injuring 45, transport police sources said.

Both were passenger trains. The stationary train carried some troops in addition to civilians. The other, known as the Press Train because it was taking early newspaper editions to the delta, carried civilians.

The collision occurred just before 4 a.m. (0200 GMT) at the provincial town of Sindya, about 25 kilometers north of Cairo, the sources said.

Lebanon won't pay price for Israeli pullout, Wazzan says

By Hussein Dakroub
Arab News Staff

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 — Lebanon refuses to pay any price for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and adheres to the Armistice Agreement and U.N. resolutions and to its indisputable right to sovereignty over its entire territory, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan has told Arab News.

In an exclusive interview, Wazzan stressed that Lebanon will not renounce its basic and principled attitudes or its supreme interests and those of its Arab brothers.

Affirming that a peace treaty, security pacts or a sort of "normalization" of relations have been rejected by Lebanon as a price for Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, Wazzan said this official Lebanese stance has been made clear at the ongoing negotiations to achieve Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory. "Lebanon's stance is based on its adherence to the Armistice Agreement and the U.N. Security Council resolutions and to its indisputable right to sovereignty over its entire territory," Wazzan explained.

In the event the ongoing negotiations with Israel to bring about withdrawal of Israeli troops collapse, Wazzan said Lebanon will use other options. "We will go to the whole international community through the United Nations, the Security Council, and all friendly and influential states to recover our freedom and sovereignty over our land and fate," he indicated.

While criticizing the Arab countries for "leaving Lebanon alone to face its ordeal," and for failing to extend the necessary support, Wazzan singled out Saudi Arabia's fraternal role in Lebanon. "King Fahd played an active and effective role which greatly helped alleviate the plight of the war-torn country and put an end to many aspects of the explosive tragedy," Wazzan said.

"Saudi Arabia's fraternal role was best manifested during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, especially during the siege of Beirut and the horrible and destructive shelling by planes, naval destroyers and the various ground weapons that followed," he added.

Declaring that Saudi Arabia's active role is still continuing, Wazzan said Lebanon is counting on its support and help in confronting dangerous challenges.

Asked about Lebanon's relations with other Arab countries Wazzan replied, "Aside from Saudi Arabia's fraternal role and concern by a few sisterly Arab states, Lebanon has for a long time been feeling that it is left alone to face its problems and ordeal without getting the necessary support and help required by the gravity of the situation and its fateful consequences and implications on Lebanon and the entire Arab world."

"Most of the time, Lebanon finds that it does not get the understanding it wishes to enhance its position, which is based on attachment to its right and the rights of its brothers," Wazzan said.

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Shafiq Wazzan

U.S. studying proposal RDF Hq. may shift to M.E.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP) — The United States is studying the possibility of moving the headquarters for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force to the "Southwest Asia region," Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said.

In his annual report to the U.S. Congress Monday, Weinberger made no direct mention of Middle East sensitivity to the establishment of foreign bases in the region.

But, he said, "it is important to reiterate that we are not creating any new U.S. bases in Southwest Asia. Rather, we are improving existing host-nation facilities that we might use in crises or for peacetime support of U.S. forces in the region, and are arranging for prompt access when needed."

The command of the force now is based at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

"The feasibility of locating the headquarters in the Southwest Asia region is presently under study," Weinberger said.

He gave the following breakdown of U.S. funds set aside for facilities to support the Rapid Deployment Force:

- Egypt: \$91 million "to build an austere capability" at "the strategically located facility at Ray Banas on the Red Sea."
- The improvements will include upgrading the airfield and port facilities.
- Aside from "caretaker forces" for the facilities and troops for joint exercises with Egyptian forces, "we will maintain no peacetime military presence in Egypt."
- Diego Garcia: \$435 million to enlarge the airfield and upgrade the port on the British-controlled Indian Ocean island.
- Azores: \$67 million to improve Lajes Air Base. The United States is asking the Portuguese government for permission to enlarge fuel-storage tanks and better support the force en route to the Middle East.
- Oman: \$224 million for landing-strip and other improvements "to selected facilities, for our use, primarily during crises but also in peacetime."
- Kenya: \$58 million for a project nearing completion at the airfield and port of Mombasa. "This port is useful for maintaining and refueling our ships, including aircraft carriers, and offers one of the few locations in the region for crew rest and liberty."
- Somalia: \$54 million for similar projects at Mogadishu.

Shultz urges allies to up arms might

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (AFP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz Tuesday insisted on the need for the United States and its allies to boost their military capacity in a defensive spirit.

"The United States and its allies will start no war. To step up our defense forces, to create the capacity to deter aggression, that's our objective," he told a press conference at the end of a two-day visit here.

He leaves Wednesday for China, the second leg of an Asian tour which will also take him to South Korea and Hong Kong. During the visit, which both sides called a courtesy visit, Shultz gave assurances that the United States would not sacrifice its Asian allies for a possible agreement with the Soviet Union on medium-range missiles deployed in Europe.

In talks Monday with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, the secretary of state said that the United States would also oppose the possible redeployment in Asia of some of the SS-20 Soviet missiles now aimed at Europe.

When asked Tuesday if the United States expected to include China in possible talks on the issue with the Soviet Union, he merely said that the talks on medium-range missiles were being held in Geneva and only there.

He stressed that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposals, recalled by Vice-President George Bush in Berlin Monday called for these missiles to disappear "from the face of the earth," including those already deployed in Asia.

Soviet officials had recently caused considerable alarm in Japan by suggesting that some SS-20's might be redeployed in Asia.

While conveying U.S. appreciation for the Japanese government's latest market-opening measure, Shultz asked Japan to continue its efforts in this direction. The carrying out of government decisions was a very important part of the problem, he said.

Hitler pips Thatcher to stay top on hate list

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP) — Fifty years after he came to power, Adolf Hitler remains top of the hate list at Madame Tussaud's wax-work museum in London.

At the end of each year the museum hands out questionnaires to visitors and asks them to name their favorite, and most hated and feared, personalities.

Hitler remained the most hated, as he was at the end of 1981, followed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, President Ronald Reagan, Dracula and the "Yorkshire Ripper."

Princess Diana, 21-year-old wife of Prince Charles, again topped the poll as favorite hero or heroine of all time, as portrayed in wax at the museum.

Diana was also No. 1 in the beauty category ahead of Sophia Loren and Marilyn Monroe. Mrs. Thatcher, although listed in the hated category, came first in the favorite politician section.

U.S. offers N-arms ban pact to Soviets

WEST BERLIN, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has called on Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to sign an accord banning all their land-based medium-range nuclear missiles. (Related story on Page 16).

The surprise announcement, in an open letter to the people of Europe, was publicized here Monday night in a dinner speech by U.S. Vice-President George Bush, now in Europe to persuade America's allies to back U.S. proposals on nuclear disarmament.

The president made on call, however, for any summit talks to replace the current U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva on limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Effectively repeating his "zero option" proposal, under which NATO missile deployment plans will be scrapped if Soviet missiles are withdrawn, he said: "You can count on us to spare no effort to reach a fair and meaningful agreement that will reduce the Soviet nuclear threat."

In his letter Reagan said: "I make this offer out of a conviction that such an agreement would serve the interests of both sides and, most importantly, that the people of Europe want nothing more. I urge Mr. Andropov to accept it."

Referring to the current Geneva arms limitation talks, Reagan said: "We have proposed and will continue to urge the Soviets to agree to ban altogether both their intermediate-range land-based nuclear missile weapons and those we intend to deploy in response to their build-up."

"The Soviet insistence on maintaining a nuclear threat to America's allies while denying them the corresponding means to deter that threat remains the principal obstacle," the president wrote.

He said what he called a fair and meaningful agreement with the Soviet Union was needed and went on: "In this spirit I have asked Vice-President Bush, in the city where East meets West, to propose to Soviet General Secretary Andropov that he and I meet wherever he wants in order to sign an agreement banning U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range land-based nuclear missile weapons from the face of the earth."

The proposal could help the campaign of West Germany's conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has urged such a meeting and who is under some political pressure because of his support for the "zero option."

Kohl was a guest at the same dinner and promptly thanked the U.S. leader for the move.

Bush also urged in his speech that the Western NATO alliance unite in its determination to deploy the U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles if this proved necessary, the main theme of his seven-nation mission in Europe.

Reagan's open letter will reinforce the American position in the psychological war over the Euro-missile issue, as Bush prepares to visit the Netherlands and Belgium on his current European tour. Neither country has definitively agreed to the stationing of NATO Euro-missiles on its territory to balance the Soviet Union's preponderant strength in medium-range nuclear rockets.

In Washington, diplomatic observers commented that President Reagan's letter did not add anything to his previous offer of a zero option except that the letter offered to discuss nuclear disarmament with Soviet leader Andropov "any time, any place."

Andropov spurns move

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Soviet Leader Yuri Andropov Tuesday rejected President Reagan's call for a meeting at which they would sign an accord banning all U.S. and Soviet land-based medium range missiles.

In an interview released by Tass news agency Tuesday night, Andropov also said Reagan's proposal showed that Washington was not taking a serious approach to the East-West nuclear arms issue.

But he said he was in favor of the principle of a summit meeting, as long as it was for different purposes.

Reaction to Reagan's offer, which was read out Monday at a West Berlin dinner by U.S. Vice President George Bush, Soviet news agency Novosti said it was "in the best traditions of a Hollywood promotional campaign."

"Bush's statements so far indicate that the Reagan administration continues to be oblivious of the fact that people expect of it not pompous but empty eulogies on the need to reduce arms, but concrete deeds to further the same," Novosti commentator Vladimir Alexeev wrote.

The official Tass news agency also commented Tuesday that Washington used "persistence and publicity tricks" to win support for the "zero option."

"The continued clinging" to the zero option is "torpedoing progress" at the Geneva talks between Washington and Moscow on reducing nuclear arms in Europe, the Novosti commentator said.

He reiterated Soviet rejection of the "zero option," which Reagan outlined in November, 1981.

The Novosti commentary did not reject outright Reagan's offer to meet Andropov but stressed that such meetings should aim to complete "equitable arms limitation and reduction agreements and not to legitimize unilateral disarmament by the Soviet Union."

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Kingdom vows to keep OPEC prices... Yamani

LONDON, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Petroleum Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani has affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to support the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to play its role in stabilizing the oil market.

The minister told the London-based magazine *Al-Dustour* that supporting OPEC is not only for the sake of oil, but for the sake of the world so as to avoid the collapse of the international monetary system and deviation from investment in alternative energy resources.

Yamani declared that the Kingdom, which has struggled in the past against unnecessary oil price hikes, will struggle now to avoid a collapse in these prices. He said Saudi Arabia is committed to the official \$34 benchmark price. But Yamani called on other OPEC members to stop giving hidden discounts or extend credit lines and severe competition on markets.

The minister added that OPEC's Geneva meeting late last month, which ended in a failure, is not the end of the organization. Yamani said it was a constructive meeting in the sense that it helped in exchanging different viewpoints.

The problem facing the Kingdom is not a fiscal one, he said, but a supply one for the electricity and desalination stations operated by the associated gas pumped with oil; so when the Kingdom's output comes down, amounts of available associated gas comes down as well.

On the differential problem, which was blamed for the failure of the conference, Yamani said it is an old problem. He said that the Kingdom brought up the issue in the July meeting, asking the African producers to raise their premiums by at least \$1.5.

Quake victims receive SR7.7m

RIYADH, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Donations totaling over SR7.7 million have been received by the committees formed to help the victims of the North Yemen earthquake, which hit the Dhamar Region in December. Aside from cash, the committees collected other donations like tents and blankets.



Ahmad Zaki Yamani

French, Dutch ambassadors tour E. Province

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Feb. 1 — Pierre Rocalve, French ambassador to the Kingdom, last week visited some of the 1,500 members of the French community in the Eastern Province. During his four-day visit Rocalve was received by Eastern Province Governor Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi and Hamad Jirafani, vice president of Aramco at Ras Tanura.

On Jan. 25 Rocalve was guest of honor at a dinner for 80 French executives from industry and management at the Gulf Meridien Hotel in Khobar. That same day he visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) to meet with Rector Bakr A. Bakr and other senior UPM officials.

Another diplomatic visitor to the Eastern Province was Dutch Ambassador M.G. Bremen who patronized a luncheon for Dutch businessmen of the area in the Gulf Meridien Hotel on January 29.

Cabinet talk centers on Lebanon, Palestine

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 (SPA) — A regular cabinet session held under the chairmanship of King Fahd Monday night gave due attention to the situation in Lebanon in the wake of the latest events threatening the country with a new flare-up, it was officially announced here.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that during the meeting, which ended shortly after midnight, that the King noted at the beginning of the session that the events should be contained to avert an escalation.

The King affirmed Saudi Arabia's deep anxiety over what is happening in Lebanon, it being part of the Arab homeland which is affected either positively or negatively by developments.

"The King stressed the need for re-establishing national reconciliation among brothers because this represents a fundamental element for the restoration of normal life in the fraternal country," Dr. Yamani said.

The King further affirmed that the Kingdom was doing its utmost to restore things back to normal in brotherly Lebanon and avert the danger of an escalation and a new flare-up especially as Israeli occupation forces are still in the country with their evil.

"This carries with it a new factor prompting the speeding up of re-establishing cohesion and reconciliation," the King noted.

Dr. Yamani said the King then briefed the cabinet on the outcome of his meeting with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat with whom he reviewed latest Palestinian developments.

"The King reaffirmed the Kingdom's continued support and backing for the fraternal Lebanese people and third just cause and legitimate rights," Dr. Yamani added.

In this connection, the King called for unity of Palestinian action, this being of utmost necessity especially in the present circumstances through which the problem is passing, requiring a united stand and constructive moves, the minister said.

The King also reaffirmed that the Kingdom was doing all within its power in support of the Arab Fez summit out of its belief in the importance of seeking a just and comprehensive peace.

The King announced that Saudi Arabia will continue to exert efforts within the framework of unified Arab action until the Arab nation achieves its legitimate rights, notably a just settlement for the Palestine cause.

He said Palestinian brothers should enjoy their full legitimate rights, including the establishment of an independent state in their homeland, recovering occupied territories and return of Jerusalem to the Arab and Islamic nation.

The King also dwelt on projects supervised by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu as well as programs he inaugurated in Yanbu Sunday.

Phone representatives attend second annual security conference

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — Saudi Telephone held its second annual security conference on Jan. 24 and 25 at its training center here. Representatives from each of Saudi Telephone's 16 districts, as well as a number of managers from the headquarters organization attended the two-day conference.

During the conference many topics were discussed including: guard service, state of the art building security, toll fraud and general investigation. Saudi Telephone personnel were assisted in the preparation by R.L. Daniels of Bell Canada International who holds a degree in criminology.

In his concluding remarks, the director of security at Saudi Telephone, Nasser Al-Areifi, stressed the importance of a modern security system at Saudi Telephone. "Not only must the existing security system keep pace with the changing needs of Saudi Telephone but also we must ensure that, as we develop, the resulting security system be uniform in all districts throughout the Kingdom."

Authorities imprison, fine ten criminals

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — Three Saudi Arabians, three Pakistanis, two Somalis, one Indonesian and a Sri Lankan national have been charged with forgery crimes according to an Interior Ministry statement issued here. The verdicts vary from fines to prison terms and foreigners will be deported after spending their sentences and have their names placed on the black list.

Fuhaid Awad Masad, a Saudi Arabian national was convicted for forging sig-

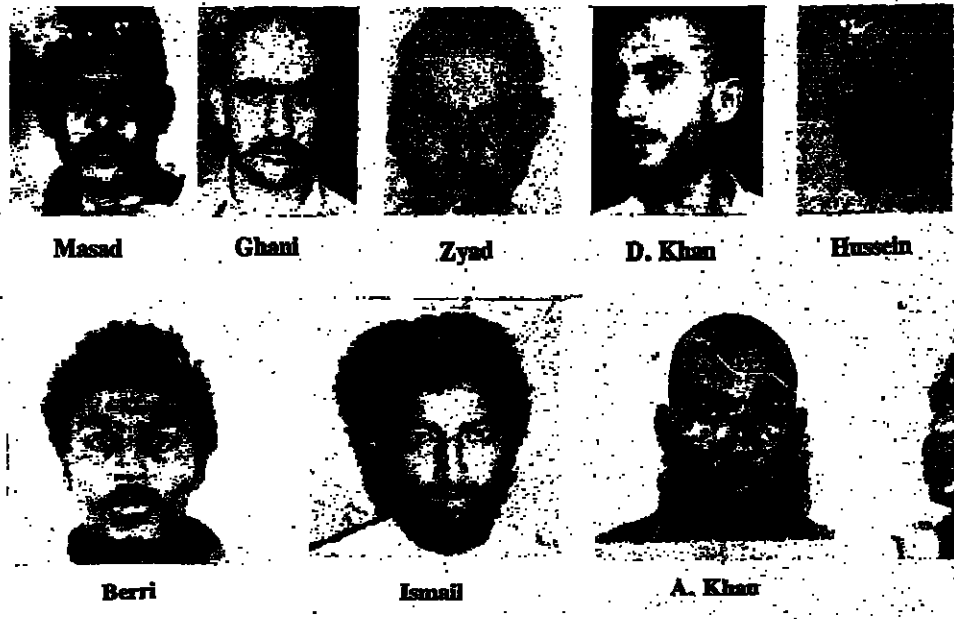
natures, sent to prison for one year and fined SR1,000. Ilaawi Hussein, a Saudi Arabian was charged with forging his identity card by amending his wife's name and adding names of children. He was convicted and given one year in prison and SR5,000 fine. A third Saudi Arabian, Saad Ziyad was convicted for forging his passport; sent to prison for five years and fined SR1,000.

The Pakistani Aziz Khan was charged for forging iqamas, sent to prison for one year and was fined SR1,000. Another Pakistani

Dalil Khan was convicted for forging a drivers license and charged with SR1,000 fine and one year in prison. Uthman Ghani, a Pakistani national too was charged for forging a certificate in the name of one of the national companies. He was sent to prison for one year and fined SR1,000.

Abdi Hani Berri, a Somali was convicted with forging official seals and sentenced to three years in prison and a SR5,000 fine. Abdullah Muhammad Ali, a Somali was charged with forging passports and drivers licenses, he was convicted and given 18 months in prison and a SR5,000 fine.

Nawawi Zaheer, an Indonesian was charged for forging an iqama, fined SR1,000 and sent to prison for one year. Dawood Muhammad Ismail, a Sri Lankan was charged for using a forged passport to enter the Kingdom. He was fined SR1,000 and sent to prison for one year.



Agricultural Bank extends 39 loans for SR52.2m in past three months

AHSA, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Agricultural Bank branches in Hofuf, Qatif and Hafr Al-Batin have extended 39 loans in the last three months valued at SR52.2 million.

Director of the branch bank here Abdul Aziz Al-Owairi said that farmers, fishermen, cattle and chicken raisers have benefited from these loans.

The bank has helped in financing nine agricultural projects by providing SR29.6 million for their equity. Three of these pro-

jects were in the field of chicken production and are expected to produce 493,000 birds annually. There are also two projects to produce 13 million eggs and a chick-hatching project with a 1.7 million capacity annually.

The loans also covered a goat-raising project with an annual capacity of 26,500 goats and vegetables farms with an annual capacity of 903 tons. The amount of subsidy extended by the bank in this period has amounted to SR24 million.

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Fahd cables Dutch
JEDDAH, (SPA) — King Fahd has sent a cable of greetings to Dutch Queen Beatrix on the occasion of her birthday. In his cable, the King wished the queen happiness and good health and the Dutch people continued progress and welfare.

Algerian visiting
JEDDAH, (SPA) — Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Dalib Al-Ibrahimi arrived here Monday. He was met at the airport by the head of protocol at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Algerian Ambassador to the Kingdom.

Canadian mission
DHAHRAN, (SPA) — A Canadian trade delegation has arrived here for a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia. The delegation includes representatives of Canadian industrial associations and several companies specializing in automobile spare parts. Members have conferred with officials of the Eastern Region's Chamber of

Commerce and Industry on ways of developing trade cooperation.

IDB visit completed
AMMAN, (SPA) — President of the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali has left here after a short visit to Jordan during which he signed a seven-million Islamic dinar agreement with the chairman of the National Planning Council, Dr. H. Odeh. He had talks with Finance Minister Saleh Masadeh on the bank's contribution to development projects in Jordan.

Prize nominees
RIYADH, (SPA) — The Saudi Culture and Arts Society has nominated Ahmad Abdul Ghafur Attar and Hamed Al-Jasir for the (Baghdad) cultural prize which is awarded by UNESCO every two years. The society's Board Chairman Ahmad Al-Shedi said the society was collecting information about the two literary men to announce the Kingdom's nomination officially.

More than 80 German firms to exhibit here

By David Hagan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — The Federal Republic of Germany is providing the largest national group of companies ever to appear at an exhibition in Saudi Arabia. More than 80 firms representing the electrical and electronic industries are to participate in the "Middle East Electricity" and "Electronics Exhibition" to be held at the Jeddah Expo Center from Feb. 5-9, according to a press release issued by the German Embassy.

These firms will occupy nearly 2,000 square meters of stand space — over a third of the total area already taken by exhibitors at the show. Many of the German firms are already well known in the Kingdom — Siemens AG, AEG Telefunken, Kraftwerk Union AG, Robert Bosch GMBH.

Regional Gulf health care center proposed

RIYADH, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Bahraini Military Hospital Director Dr. Ali Al-Khalifa, the deputy chairman of the Arab Federation of Sports Health Care, conferred with Saudi Youth Organization Deputy Chairman Osman Al-Saad on the prospects of setting up a sports health care center in Bahrain in line with the one in Saudi Arabia.

During the talks the officials also discussed the possibility of opening a regional center for sports health care with its headquarters in Manama. Following the meeting, Dr. Khalifa said his visit was part of a tour of Gulf states to explain the idea of the regional center.

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During First, Second Five-Year Plans

Report maps oil income, expenditures

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — Government revenue from oil and other sources totaled SR211 billion by the end of the Second Five-Year Development Plan in 1980, *Al-Jazirah* reported. The figure shows a 40 times increase compared with the SR5 billion revenue at the beginning of the First Five-

Year Development Plan in 1970. According to a Planning Ministry report on the First and Second Development Plans, government expenditure at the same time jumped from SR6 billion to SR186 billion. Income was constantly above expenditure levels from 1970 to 1977. The increase was

evident in 1974 and 1975. But soon after, the trend was reversed. Real expenditure exceeded income in 1978 and 1979. In 1980 the former balance was re-established. Expenditure went up by SR25 billion.

The report also mentioned that oil production went up from 3.8 million barrels a day to 8.5 million between 1970 and 1974. The average annual growth rate was 23 percent. That rate remained steady.

In 1980, however, production reached 9.9 million bpd. Saudi Arabia's share from total oil production went up from 8.3 percent to 16.6 percent, thus making the country the first oil exporter and second largest producer of crude oil in the world.

Stable Saudi Arabian oil reserves totaled 138.8 billion barrels in 1979, because of new discoveries. At the end of 1980, the Kingdom's oil reserves soared to 167.5 billion barrels, representing one-quarter of the world's surplus oil reserves.

Gas production between 1970 and 1980 increased by 8 percent annually. It went up from 20.6 billion to 53.3 billion cubic meters at the end of 1980.

Sudan, IDB officials confer on debt rescheduling attempt

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — Sudan has approached the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in an attempt to reschedule its debt, *Arab News* learned.

Sudanese Finance Minister Ibrahim Moniem Mansour has sent a letter to the IDB chief, Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, proposing rescheduling of its more than \$70 billion debt. If an agreement is reached, the bank will start new financing for some trade

deals for Sudan as it has done in the past.

Sudan has a foreign debt estimated at \$7 billion. During the past two years it has been carrying on negotiations with its creditors, states and commercial banks, to reschedule these debts.

This move became possible after Sudan managed to strike a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to devalue its currency by 45 percent last November and cut its expenditure.

UPM sessions to train teams for tournaments

DHAHRAN, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Sports teams representing the King Saud and Makah Universities will hold a training session at the University of Petroleum and Minerals here during the spring recess.

UPM Dean of student affairs Dr. Ruwaid

Al-Aqad said that teams from three universities will meet in various sports events in preparation of the tournament of the universities in the Kingdom scheduled to begin during the forthcoming academic session.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:45	3:16	3:01	3:25	3:52
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:12	6:08	5:40	5:24	5:48	6:15
Isha (Night)	7:42	7:38	7:10	6:54	7:18	7:45

Hail completes beautification, plans two lakes

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — A number of beautification projects have been completed by Hail Municipality while others are under way within the framework of efforts to promote the standard of services in the area, according to *Al-Nadwa*. These projects include tarmacing of roads and providing lights for the new streets and residential areas in Hail.

The second phase of the project for the construction of artificial lakes has been allocated to a specialized national company at a total cost of SR115 million the project, consisting of the construction of two artificial lakes in Al-Badia and Al-Khashia, will take a year to complete.

The area of the artificial lake in Al-Badia is estimated at 1,120,000 square meters. It is regarded as the first lake of its kind to be constructed in the Kingdom.

Dammam Road opening scheduled in two weeks

DAMMAM, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Work on the Dammam-Dhahran-Al-Khobar road has entered its final stages and the road is expected to be handed over within the coming two weeks. The five kilometer-long main road with 21 feeder roads consists of 12 lanes six on each side and cost SR203 million.

Eastern Province Director of Roads Sami Foda said the road, which is being carried out along international standards is planned to go with the development in the province and will be connected with the Dhahran-Ras Tanura, Dhahran-Abqaiq, and Dhahran-Dammam expressways. It will also be connected with the Airport-Al-Khobar Road, University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) and the Dammam-UPM road.

The project, which is one of the biggest of its kind in the Kingdom will help relieve traffic jams. It has 17 bridges, which will help smooth the flow of traffic.



DESSERT TABLE: Customers are greeted by this welcome sight upon entering the Al-Bouhaira Restaurant, some decide to start their meal with a piece of strudel or pie.



BRUNCH ASSORTMENT: These photos show only a portion of the items available during Friday's brunch at the Red Sea Palace Hotel. Left, some of the cold cuts and salads arranged at one end of the table. Right, one side of the table featuring an assortment of 15 dishes.

Good food, service make brunch a pleasure

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — Brunch, breakfast and lunch combination buffets are popular in the United States and Britain, so popular that it is hard to surpass their tasty and often very elaborate presentation — but the Red Sea Palace has done it and with style.

The Friday brunch at the Al-Bouhaira Restaurant begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 3 p.m. Friday morning or afternoon is the ideal time to try out the restaurant because traffic is light and parking easy.

Upon entering the hotel you find yourself greeted cordially and escorted past buffet tables packed with a wide variety of breakfast and lunch specialties which make your mouth water. The dessert table right at the entrance is enough to tempt even the straightest-laced dieter.

The host advises customers, after seating them with the sumptuous buffet table on one side and a waterfront view on the other, cordially explaining that the buffet is unlimited, saying that you should take your time and have a leisurely brunch.

Despite the fact that the brunch is buffet-style, the service is impeccable, and for SR45 with young children free, it is an ideal way to spend Friday.

As soon as the waiter seats you he takes orders for cold and hot drinks and juices and, of course, the standard coffee or tea. There is bread on each table and the waiter will bring any specific item requested from the buffet table for you if you don't feel like the short walk. No one, however, should miss taking an over-all look at the entire selection, just looking at it makes you wonder where you will put it all and what type of food to start with.

Breakfast items on the buffet include a complete assortment of standard American, British and Arab fare. It is best to take a small portion of each item and thus save room for everything you want to try. It isn't possible to eat much of everything and be able to walk out of the restaurant afterward.

American-style, cold breakfast items are displayed on one side of the buffet table, these include an assortment of bread and pastries, fruit juices, fresh fruit slices, cereals and all the trimmings. The pastries included some flaky breakfast rolls and Danish rolls with thick icing and fruit.

Hot breakfast items included scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash brown potatoes, sausage, beef bacon, meat slices and broiled tomatoes. Every tray on the buffet table was kept full with fresh food. A stream of atten-

dants kept checking to make sure that fires were going and every item was just right. While the brunch continued the waiters were ever-present and courteous, letting customers know that if there was anything special needed they would be glad to bring it whether it was a second or third helping from the buffet table or to replenish a drink.

Although many of the diners did not get past the actual breakfast offerings, others were there specifically for the lunch. This part of the buffet was also bountiful with a large assortment of dishes, dozens of cold hours de ouvers, fresh salads and cold cuts. Everything from traditional Arab dishes like tabuli and homos to mixed salads with vegetables and fruit.

The main courses were outstanding with the serving trays holding roast beef, fish, lamb and an assortment of accompanying side dishes in an unending parade. There were also several combination dishes available.

The specialty of the day was Spanish paella in a serving dish so large that one waiter was needed to open the lid, while another

dished out choice portions and had to be cautioned to leave room on the plate for other items. The paella was exceptionally well prepared and the chef included a number of costly and hard to get ingredients like huge shrimp and mussels and of course the standard rice, this one dish was well worth the buffet price.

As if all this wasn't adequate, there were also numerous side-boards containing cheeses, fruit and other tasty delicacies.

The dessert table was a sight on its own, some people entering the restaurant looked upon it longingly as if they would like to begin their brunch with that. There were so many individual desserts that it would be impossible, like the entire buffet, to list them. This table included assortments of pastries, pies, strudel, cake, jellies and puddings. Even after the entire buffet, some people can't resist going back several times for dessert.

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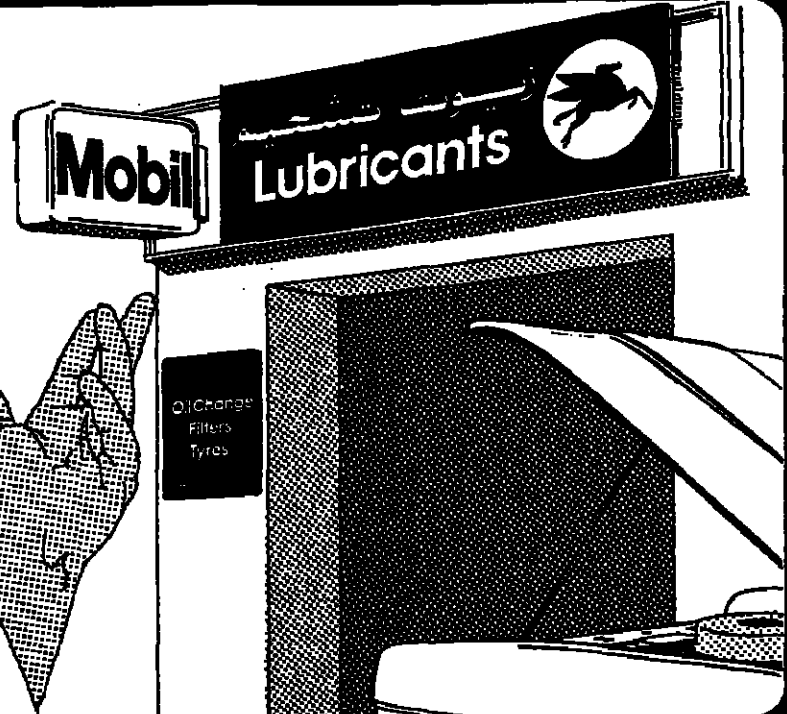


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17 more die as Lebanese riots escalate

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (AP) — Christian and Druze militiamen traded grenade-throwing assaults on each other's hilltop positions behind massive artillery and rocket barrages in the central mountains Tuesday, killing 17 persons and wounding 34, police said.

Several houses, shops and cars were burned in the escalating combat in many towns and villages in the Aley and Chouf provinces southeast of Beirut.

The latest fatalities brought to 32 the total killed since the current round of Christian-Druze fighting broke out last Saturday and to more than 130 the overall death toll since November, according to police counts.

The sectarian fighting has destroyed the former friendly relations between the two communities in Chouf. "We lived peacefully here for the seven years during which Beirut was destroyed by civil war, but now the

capital is calm we are fighting among ourselves," a leading Druze businessman said here as he listed the names of all the villages where Druze and Maronite Christians lived side by side.

It is extremely difficult to tell which groups of houses are Druze or Christian. It is not uncommon in fact to see a Maronite church in a village where the majority of inhabitants is Druze.

Jamail Attar, the Druze mayor of Kfar Nabrakh, which is half Druze and half Christian, sighed: "We have always lived happily together, and most of our friends are Christians. In this village where we have never had the slightest violent incident, bloody fighting has broken out between the communities."

He said that since these "dark days" the village was split into two.

Christians in neighboring houses in the

center of the village are surrounded by Druze. The two communities no longer have anything to do with each other.

Fighting has badly upset children's education, as schools only reopened in the Shouf region two weeks ago after being shut for six months.

Many people living in the Shouf region, but working in Beirut, can no longer return every night as they did because the mountain roads are unsafe.

Abu Ismail, manager of the Mawarid Bank here, is convinced that if fighting goes on another six months the region will be utterly ruined.

There is another major problem here — electricity supplies have been cut off for the past two months, and many small firms have been forced to close down through lack of power to drive their machinery.

'Israel seeking to divide Lebanon'

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (AP) — The leader of Lebanon's largest rightist Christian party accused Israel in a newspaper interview published Tuesday of seeking to partition Lebanon by driving a wedge between the nation's Christian and Muslim communities.

Phalangist Party leader Pierre Gemayel, father of Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, said there were fears sectarian mini-states would be created in Lebanon that would allow Israel and Syria maintain spheres of influence in this Mediterranean country.

Gemayel spoke in an interview with the Beirut nationalist newspaper *As-Safir* about his meeting with Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon last Thursday in Bekfaya. The Gemayel family hometown 20 kilometers east of Beirut.

Hussein appoints new upper house

AMMAN, Feb. 1 (R) — King Hussein has appointed a new 30-member House of Notables (upper house) and made the former Speaker Badiat Talhouni his special adviser, the official Jordanian news agency Petra said Tuesday.

The new speaker is Ahmad Tarawneh, a former speaker of the National Consultative Council. Dr. Zaid Nuseibah, former ambassador to the United Nations, has become a member of the new house which also includes prime minister and ministers and other personalities.

For mapping strategy

PLO leaders to meet in Algiers Feb. 10



Yasser Arafat

DAMASCUS, Feb. 1 (R) — Palestinian leaders will meet in Algiers Feb. 10 to discuss strategy before a crucial session of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the movement's parliament-in-exile, Palestinian officials said.

They said the 15-member executive committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the heads of all eight commando groups in the PLO would put the finishing touches to a report to the PNC which will include a statement on strategy.

Deep splits have appeared in recent weeks between supporters and critics of PLO chief Yasser Arafat over his rapprochement with Jordan and his cautious attitude to U.S. efforts to find a settlement to the Middle East problem.

A previous top-level session aimed at reaching a new consensus had to be downgraded when several commando leaders failed to appear at the meeting in Aden last week.

The PNC meeting on Feb. 14 will be the first since the PLO was forced out of Beirut by the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last year and scattered around eight Arab countries.

The PNC, final arbiter of all PLO policy, will elect a new PLO executive committee at the meeting.

Arafat is chairman of the committee, a position which gives him day-to-day control of the PLO.

Unconfirmed reports in Damascus say he intends to call for the chairman to be elected by the PNC rather than by the executive committee itself. This would enhance his position.

The split among Palestinian leaders dates from strains between the PLO and Syria during the Israeli invasion.

Pro-Syrian commando groups have joined Damascus in criticizing what they call Arafat's individualistic policies.

Arafat's supporters had hoped that Palestinian opinion would rally around the PLO chief in the run-up to the PNC meeting, but attacks on him by pro-Syrian groups have continued.

A senior official of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a radical group, said there was no chance of a meeting between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Arafat.

However, Bassam Abu-Sharif, a member of the PFLP Politburo, told Reuters he expected such a meeting to take place immediately after the PNC session.

He said an eight-man Palestinian team headed by PNC speaker Khaled Al-Fahoum had held two informal working sessions with Syrian officials led by Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam in a bid to mend fences.

Both sides had expressed a "deep desire to end the present misunderstanding between them and continue their dialogue with the aim of reaching a formula governing their joint future struggle," he said.

U.S. to adopt Israeli combat tactics

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP) — The United States is moving to benefit from the Israeli successes against Syrian surface-to-air missiles by adopting some key Israeli tactics, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said.

In his annual report to Congress Monday, Weinberger noted the effective use the Israelis made of "remotely piloted vehicles," radio-controlled unmanned aircraft, both to gather information on Syrian surface-to-air missile complexes and to confuse Syrian defenses when the Israeli Air Force launched its attacks on those sites.

"The Israelis, using remotely piloted vehicles to spy and photograph Sam concentrations and to provide real-time intelligence, succeeded in destroying most Syrian Sam sites," Weinberger said.

"We hope to improve our Sam suppression capabilities through greater understanding of such tactics."

During Israeli air attacks on Soviet-built surface-to-air missile batteries manned by the Syrians in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon last summer, the Israelis destroyed 19 such installations in a matter of minutes, according to U.S. intelligence sources.

Mubarak, Trudeau view M.E.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak conferred with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on Middle East issues and expressed concern over his country's huge trade deficit with Canada.

Canadian officials told reporters Monday that both sides agreed that the opportunities for increasing cooperation were good. They said nuclear cooperation was discussed, and Egypt, which is buying European reactors, said it would be willing to consider buying a Canadian reactor at a later date.

Egypt expressed concern that it exported only \$2 million worth of goods to Canada while Canada sold around \$240 million of goods and services to Egypt in the first 10 months of last year.

Canadian trade officials will visit Egypt to discuss aid and finance for trade. Canada grants about \$20 million in aid to Egypt each year and Mubarak has asked for more.

Officials from the two countries signed an agreement Monday to improve cooperation on development assistance.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (R) — The Iranian leftist opposition Mujahideen organization said Tuesday that ten of its supporters had been executed in the northern Iranian city of Amol.

ATHENS, (AP) — Justice Minister George Mangakis said Monday a Jordanian student wanted by Italian authorities for suspected involvement in an attack on the Rome synagogue last year must first face trial in Greece.

STRASBOURG, (R) — Turkey has told the European Human Rights Commission that allegations of human rights violations made by five Council of Europe governments are utterly unacceptable, diplomatic sources said here Monday.

MOSCOW, (AP) — The Defense Minister of Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. Abdul Qader, will make an official visit to the Soviet Union during the first half of February, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Monday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Aslan Baser Kafaloglu, a prominent economist and the brother of Turkish Finance Minister Adnan Baser Kafaloglu, was formally charged Tuesday with making Communist propaganda, martial law officials announced.

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Salvador guerrillas overrun eastern city

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 1 (AP) — The government counterattacked with bombing and strafing raids and leftist guerrillas set a major fire as they overran most government positions in the eastern city of Berlin Monday, witnesses and military sources reported.

The center of the city of 30,000 — the largest population center in which guerrillas have grabbed a foothold so far — was reported on fire, and from the city's outskirts large columns of smoke could be seen. By the hundreds, refugees poured out to nearby towns. Berlin, an industrial center on a strategic mountain 113 kms east of the capital, until now had been spared from much fighting during the 39-month civil war between the rebel forces and the U.S.-supported government.

But on Sunday, guerrillas began their attack and by Monday some of the 600 residents who managed to flee said the center of the city was ablaze. Battles among the homes and businesses there were continuous, they said, with breaks of 10 to 15 minutes every four hours. U.S.-made A-37 Dragonfly warplanes attacked rebel positions and guerrillas attacked government positions with bazookas and automatic weapons fire.

The bombing destroyed a low-income housing area and the refugees didn't know what happened to the 40 persons who lived there, one resident who got out said. He also said he saw the bodies of 20 national guardsmen.

The guerrillas' clandestine Radio Venceremos said 19 civilians, including 15 children, died in the government bombings. The report could not be independently confirmed. A military source in Usulután, the provincial capital, said guerrillas set fire to the telephone company building and the fire spread uncontrolled to engulf about a city block. Telephone communications with Berlin, the third largest city in Usulután Province, were cut off and a guerrilla at a roadblock about 3 kms north of Berlin, told journalists they could not enter the city. He claimed it was almost totally under rebel control and "ready to fall."

Casualties were reported heavy. Six police who escaped from their burning garrison said most fellow officers were dead or unaccounted for. In Mercedes Umana, about eight kms north of Berlin, Red Cross spokesman Jose Garay said "many" wounded and hundreds of refugees were trapped inside the city. Reporters saw about

250 troops, with three armored troop carriers, coming up the Pan-American highway about 30 miles west of Berlin, apparently heading toward it. Another report said at least 150 troop reinforcements had been flown in by helicopter or tried to break through guerrilla lines by land.

Rebels already controlled three smaller towns to the south and east. In the northeast province of Morazan, a government offensive continued for a 15th day and Radio Venceremos stopped commenting on it, indicating the rebels were starting to abandon positions. They often fight the army for a while, then melt away.

With their stronghold on Berlin, guerrillas now control a 64-km stretch along the eastern shore of the Lempa River in Usulután Province. Traffic across the river has been limited to one bridge because of recent sabotage by rebels. Berlin is about 24 kms from the Cuscatlan Bridge, the only remaining highway link across the river. The guerrillas' Radio Venceremos said 22 prisoners of war were taken in the fighting. The military offered no immediate comment on the claim.

Slain Nicaragua general's son killed in Miami

MIAMI, Feb. 1 (AP) — Police searched Monday for three men they say fatally shot the eight-year-old son of Nicaraguan general who was kidnapped and murdered in his homeland in March 1978.

The youngster's wounded mother, left for dead by the killers, granted permission for the dying child to become an organ donor to help save someone else's life. Reimer Perez-Vega died Saturday afternoon at Variety Children's Hospital. Homicide detectives were looking for the men who shot the mother, Mary Louise Perez-Vega, 42, and then opened fire on the child when he cried and tried to protect her. "They are actively following leads," said police spokesman Ken Christopher. "But I have no information that I can go into publicly."

Police said when the gunmen shot, the child cried, "Don't hurt my mommy." His mother, whose wounds were superficial, played dead until she heard the assailants drive away. Then she called police.

Senegambia observes 1st anniversary

BANJUL, Feb. 1 (R) — The Senegambian Confederation, formed after a bloody coup attempt in Gambia was crushed by Senegalese troops, celebrated its first birthday Tuesday with the foundation laid but much work remains to be done.

Gambian President Dawda Jawara said in a broadcast marking the first anniversary of the merger: "History and necessity have brought us together today. We are merely taking the first step, as a good deal of work remains to be done both in relation to the establishment and operation of the institutions of the confederation and above all the economic aspects," he added.

The terms of union foresee monetary, security, customs and educational harmonization in the two former colonies. The thin sliver of Anglophone Gambia snakes up the river that gives it its name, almost bisecting Francophone Senegal. Sir Dawda called in Senegalese troops in August 1981 after Marxist rebels tried to topple him. Informed sources say some 800 persons died in the attempted coup when rebels freed and armed prisoners went on a bloody rampage.

Gambians should see the confederation as "a serious and genuine attempt to achieve unity as well as to reduce the fragmentation of Africa" by the former colonial powers, President Jawara said. He termed the merger a unique development in Africa which should act as a model for subregional cooperation and "a formal acknowledgement of our community of blood, history and culture."

Most inhabitants of the two countries are Muslim and speak the Wolof language, helping to bridge the Anglo-French divide. President Jawara said prolonged economic and financial problems could provoke social and political instability and called on both countries to boost their markets and output through economic integration and cooperation. Both economies depend largely on groundnut production which has slumped in recent years due to bad weather, although output is forecast to rise this year.

Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, who is president of the confederation, said in a speech broadcast in Dakar Monday night that "today is the first anniversary of our new-found unity." President Jawara is vice president of the confederation. A confederal parliament has been set up to run its affairs.

S. Korean, U.S. troops begin joint maneuvers

SEOUL, Feb. 1 (AP) — South Korean and U.S. troops began joint military exercises Tuesday with the initial phase of strategic deployment.

This year's exercise, called Team Spirit '83, is the eighth in the annual training effort. It will involve about 188,000 American and South Korean military personnel and is described as the largest in the Non-Communist world. A military spokesman said that as in previous years, the exercise will start with strategic deployment lasting until about mid-March, then move into the tactical deployment and field exercise stage, and then wind up in mid-April with the completion of redeployment.

U.S. military officials said earlier about 70,000 Americans will take part in the exercises this year, including personnel based in South Korea and others from Pacific Command sites and the United States itself. U.S. and South Korean officials have said the main purpose of the joint exercise is training, evaluation and improvement of procedures for any possible defense undertaking in South Korea.

As in the past years, North Korea has denounced the exercise as an aggressive step that will heighten tension in the Korean peninsula.

Meanwhile, the South Korean government Tuesday put forward new proposals for unification of the divided peninsula, including a meeting with North Korea next month.

The proposals were made by South Korea's Minister of National Unification Sohn Jae-Shik, who said there must be a North-South dialogue that is not "a sounding board for the propaganda of either side... but a joint forum to crystallize the wishes and will of the entire people." Korea was divided at the end of World War II when it was liberated from Japanese colonial rule, and all efforts since then to end the division have been unsuccessful. The result has been a tense confrontation between the south and the Communist regime in the North with massive armies facing each other across the demilitarized zone that stretches across the waist of the peninsula.

Sohn, in a statement, outlined the following proposals and said he looked forward to an affirmative reply from North Korea:

"First, for South and North Korea to hold at an early date what may be tentatively termed a 'conference of representatives of the South and North Korean governments,

political parties and social organizations.'"

"Second, for the proposed conference to conduct all-inclusive discussion on the question of convening a meeting of the top leaders of South and North Korea and other issues raised by both sides for peaceful unification."

"Third, in order to discuss the above proposal, for South and North Korea to hold, during March, a working-level preparatory meeting in Seoul or Pyongyang with the participation of two representatives of the government and three of political parties from each side."

Tuesday's proposals were the first in which South Korea had included provisions for the participation of representatives of political parties and social organizations in North-South talks. In the past, Seoul had said talks should be between officials of the two governments.

North Korea long has insisted on a "grand national conference" that would be made up of thousands of representatives of political, social and other organizations in the North and South to discuss unification. South Korea has said such a gathering would be too unwieldy for effective or meaningful talks.

The North also has declared it would not hold talks with the present government of President Chun Doo-Hwan.

Austria arrests

8 arms smugglers

VIENNA, Feb. 1 (R) — Eight persons have been arrested on charges of smuggling arms into Austria from Czechoslovakia. Austrian Interior Minister Erwin Lanc said Monday.

Lanc said that seven Soviet-designed semi-automatic Dragunov sniper rifles and 308 Czechoslovak-made pistols were discovered by customs in a truck at the Czechoslovak border earlier this month, together with 15,000 rounds of ammunition for which the driver had an Austrian import license.

Lanc said the Czechoslovak authorities had told the Austrian Embassy in Prague that the entire consignment of weapons and ammunition had been purchased legally in Czechoslovakia and had been cleared by Czechoslovak customs.

The consignment was addressed to two Austrian arms dealers, who are among those now in custody, and one of them said the rifles had been destined for a West German arms dealer in Munich, Lanc said.

Argentines seek data on missing

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 1 (AP) — About 1,000 persons gathered in front of the government house in this city's main square Monday to demand information on Argentina's "disappeared people" and an end to repression by the military regime.

The demonstrators, who gathered in the Plaza de Mayo in response to a joint call by six local human rights organizations, were kept 27 meters from the entrance to the pink executive palace by 40 police. "The military dictatorship is going to fall," the protesters chanted, and "the disappeared, tell where they are."

Local and international human rights organizations contend between 6,000 and 15,000 persons disappeared here between 1975 and 1979. The group claim the armed forces, which took power in a 1976 coup, kidnapped and summarily executed many of the missing.

The generals have refused to provide information on the subject, saying only the missing are part of the toll from "the dirty war" against leftist subversion. The revolutionaries were virtually wiped out by mid-1978.

Alfredo Bravo, president of the local permanent assembly for human rights, was allowed into government house to present a petition. The document called for information about the missing, a halt to intimidation of human rights activists, the dismantling of "the repressive apparatus" and punishment for the murderers of Dalmiro Flores.

Flores, a 28-year-old union activist, was shot to death following an anti-government demonstration Dec. 16 in the Plaza de Mayo. Witnesses said he was shot by one of four men who got out of a Ford Falcon, the car model used by security forces.

Czech army officer flees to W. Germany

MUNICH, Feb. 1 (AP) — A lieutenant of the Czechoslovak Peoples Army, wearing full uniform and armed with a service pistol, surmounted Communist border fortifications Sunday and escaped to West Germany, Bavarian border police said Monday.

A spokesman quoted the 21-year-old officer as saying he was unsatisfied with economic and political conditions in Czechoslovakia and that he wanted to apply for political asylum in West Germany.

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Surinam army foils coup bid; 15 arrested

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb. 1 (R) — Surinam's military authorities said they had foiled an attempted coup for the second time in just over a month and had arrested 15 persons, including the deputy army commander.

It was the sixth reported attempt to overthrow the present leftist government since the army seized power in a coup in February 1980. The state-run Surinam News Agency reported Monday from Paramaribo, capital of the former Dutch colony in South America, that the 15 were arrested Sunday night for trying to oust army strongman Daysi Bouterse. A large quantity of arms had been seized, it said.

The agency said the interim ministers of culture and agriculture, John Hardjoprajitno and Jan Sariman, were under house arrest but gave no indication of the whereabouts of the deputy army commander, Maj. Roy Horb, or the other 12. The director of the national information service, Dick de Biewn said the government would release full details of the alleged conspiracy later Tuesday.

After the last coup attempt in December, the military shot 15 prominent citizens saying that they were killed while trying to escape from custody. But the Netherlands and the United States accused the government of executing them and cut off aid.

There had been signs of unrest within the Surinam armed forces after the December

killings. Air force chief John Vasilda fled to the Netherlands and Commander Bouterse relieved 12 army officers of their posts "to strengthen the unity and stability of the army."

The country's third military-appointed civilian government since the 1980 revolution resigned amid the upheavals and Commander Bouterse, who wants to turn Surinam into a socialist state, had just named former Social Services Minister Enrol Alibux to form a new administration. Alibux told the Surinam News Agency Monday that Surinam would continue to strive for closer ties with members of the nonaligned movement. "The priority of the new government will be a policy of decolonization which must liberate the Surinam people from the yoke of foreign dominance and imperialism," he said.

Surinam has announced plans to send delegations to various unnamed countries to find aid to replace that from the Netherlands. But the U.S. State Department said: "We hope that any government approached by the government of Surinam will take into account the recent repression and violation of human rights."

It also said it would view with concern any indication that Surinam was seeking closer ties with Cuba and the Soviet Union, with which it established diplomatic relations last year.

Striking U.S. trucker shot dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP) — Two truckers were shot, one fatally, in Utah and North Carolina as an independent truckers strike punctuated by the bullets of snipers brought business to a crawl at many truck stops nationwide. But the dispute apparently had little immediate impact on shipments of food and factory goods.

Shots were fired at about a dozen tractor-trailer rigs nationwide as members of the independent Truckers Association began

Mexico studies border tension with Guatemala

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1 (AP) — President Miguel de la Madrid met with cabinet officials Monday to discuss growing tensions along Mexico's border with Guatemala, the presidential press office said.

The meeting followed a cross-border raid last Wednesday by about 100 armed men on a refugee camp in the southern state of Chiapas, in which four Guatemalans were killed and another was kidnapped.

Guatemala authorities will be asked "to clarify the circumstances that brought about acts of violence against the five Guatemalan refugees, by means of an in-depth investigation," the bulletin from the presidential press office said. It said such an investigation would help "determine responsibility" for the murders and allow Mexico "to obtain sufficient guarantees from the said government (Guatemala) that it will take pertinent measures to prevent a repetition of these unfortunate incidents."

The president also ordered the Mexican commission for aid to refugees to strengthen security at camps set up along the Guatemalan border "in order to protect human rights and guarantee the personal integrity of the population settled in Guatemalan refugee camps," the statement said.

parking their rigs at midnight to protest the 5 cent-a-gallon increase in the federal gasoline tax and proposed hikes in highway user fees. An official of a Truckers' Association said up to 70 percent of the independent drivers were participating in the strike, but the government estimated only 20 percent were taking part.

An unidentified truck driver was shot and killed at about 11:30 p.m. Monday just outside Newton Grove, North Carolina, said Sampson County sheriff's deputy Gerald Tadlock. The trucker had been driving along a highway, the deputy said. Two other truckers were fired at with bullets from a rifle knocking out a windshield, but the drivers were unhurt, Tadlock said. Other details of the fatal shooting were not immediately available.

A truck driver unloading his rig in Brigham City, Utah, was shot in the chest by a sniper, said police chief J.N. Herbert. Howard N. Adams, 45, of Riverside, California, was undergoing surgery Monday night, but his condition was not immediately available. One driver in Mississippi got into a running gun battle with three assailants in a car, and three shots were fired into the repair shop of a trucking firm in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Two brothers from Morgantown, West Virginia, Darrell and Dale Dunn, were arrested after several truck drivers reported rocks were thrown at their vehicles. The Duns, who identified themselves as independent truckers, were charged with misdemeanor, destruction of property and released on \$250 bond each, said state police Sgt. P.L. Ferguson.

The 35,000 members of the Pennsylvania Teamsters Union, which opposed the strike, organized unarmed teams to cruise the highways in case someone tried to interfere with their trucks. Several rigs were struck by rocks hurled from bridges. Three were sabotaged in a Pennsylvania Garage, their windows smashed, air hoses cut and gas caps taken. Nails were spread on an Oregon highway.



PEASANTS CARRY BODY: Peasants are seen carrying the body of one of the nine Peruvian journalists slain in Ayacucho area after the peasants mistook them for the Maoist group of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path). The journalists tried to escape, shouting, "we are journalists!" but the dialect-speaking Indians thought they said "we are terrorists." An eyewitness was quoted as saying Monday, Saturday, Ayala, a peasant, said the journalists were ambushed with catapults, axes and knives in U. churucay, a village of 300 inhabitants, over 5,000 meters up in the Andes. They ran toward the mountains shouting in Spanish, but the peasants who spoke only the Quechua Indian dialect, mistook their cry of "journalists" for "terrorists," a word they had been taught by security forces, the eyewitness told reporters.

The eight journalists vanished last Wednesday after going to Higuapades province of Ayacucho to report on the Maoist Sendero Luminoso movement. President Fernando Belaunde Terry said they were murdered by peasants who believed they were guerrillas seeking revenge. The village can be reached only on horseback, and the peasants had been told that those who did not come by air were enemies. Security forces use helicopters or helicopter-backed troops to search for guerrillas in remote mountain areas.

Muskie praises India's nonalignment policy

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said Monday night India's nonalignment policy is a "major contribution to a more stable world."

Muskie acknowledged in a speech that the United States had criticized nonalignment in the past but asserted that "our perceptions have changed a lot in the past quarter century. The nonalignment that troubled us then has turned out to be a policy that we welcome as a major contribution to a more stable world," he said at a ceremony marking the centennial of the birth of the late U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Muskie's praise for nonalignment came just one month before the seventh nonaligned summit here. Western officials generally expect Indian leadership to tilt the movement away from the Soviet bloc and toward a position more equidistant between East and West.

Muskie, who is here as a guest of the Indian government, said that despite disagreements, "a new basis for Indo-American cooperation has emerged." He said Mrs. Gandhi's talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington last year demonstrated "genuine will on the part of both the United States and India to take a long-term view and search out areas of common interest."

Citing "inevitable" disagreements between the United States and India, Muskie said "while we share an interest in reducing military involvement in the Indian Ocean, our interests at the time make it unlikely that we can concur with India's peace zone prop-

osals. While India shares with us the desire to see Soviet forces removed from Afghanistan, your interests dictate a different approach."

Indian independence leader and nonviolence advocate Mahatma Gandhi was an inspiration to the U.S. civil rights movement but still today "both India and America have some way to go until this true freedom is ours, for each of us has serious shortcomings in our social, economic and political orders," Muskie said. The legacies of Roosevelt and Gandhi would help overcome this, he added.

Meanwhile, Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao said Monday he was confident the Delhi summit meeting would produce clear-cut, forthright and strong statements on issues facing the international community.

Rao, briefing members of the parliamentary consultative committee, said his government would dispatch draft declarations on

the various political and economic issues to be approved there to all members of the 97-nation movement in the next two days.

After further consultations and a study of the comments, a revised draft would be brought before the officials' meeting in the first week of March. The summit is due to open March 7.

The draft, reflecting the initial Indian perception of how the movement viewed the various issues, would then be put up before the foreign ministers before submission to the heads of government and state for final approval, Rao added. He said there was general agreement among members of the committee that specific issues like the danger of nuclear war, the need for complete and general disarmament, Diego Garcia and the Indian Ocean and the question of restoration of sovereignty over the Falklands to Argentina should be tackled at the summit.

Cuellar visits Luanda for Namibia talks

LISBON, Feb. 1 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar arrived at the Angolan capital of Luanda Monday for the opening round of talks on self-rule for Southwest Africa that will encompass seven African nations, according to reports reaching here.

A dispatch monitored here of the Angolan national news agency Angop said the secretary-general's plane touched down at Luanda's airport at 1530 local time (1530GMT) for the first stop in his 17-day African tour, the first visit to the continent since assuming the top post at the U.N. The secretary-general was greeted on arrival by top officials of the Marxist Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola-Workers Party (MPLA-PT) government, an honor guard and members of the foreign diplomatic corps posted to Luanda.

According to ANGOP, Cuellar was scheduled to meet privately with President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos before an evening working session with a government delegation and an official banquet in his honor. The report quoted unidentified official sources as saying the secretary-general's talks would center on independence for South African-ruled Southwest Africa, also known as Namibia.

Before leaving for the Zambian capital of Lusaka Tuesday, Cuellar was to meet separately with representatives of the Namibian independence movement, the South-west Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) and the banned South African black nationalist group, the African National Congress (ANC).

Angola has been the target of repeated South African military raids over the past two years for its support of SWAPO fighters. South African and Angolan officials first met for direct negotiations over their differences last month in Cape Verde. A U.S.-backed South African demand that the estimated 30,000 Cuban troops stationed in Angola withdraw as part of a Namibian settlement was not covered in those talks. South African officials stated last week.

Peking gets first snow of winter

PEKING, Feb. 1 (AP) — Peking, still suffering the effects of a long dry spell, had its first snow of the winter Tuesday but the light flakes were not expected to add much moisture, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The Miyun reservoir, Peking's biggest with a capacity of 4.37 billion cubic meters, had only 1.4 billion cubic meters of water in early January, Xinhua said.

This winter has been an average one to two degrees (2 to 4 degrees F) warmer than previous years, Xinhua added. It said this was good for the winter dormancy period of winter wheat, but might lead the wheat to sprout too early.

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Mass graves for fish

Thais discovering dark side of herbicides

By Bob Secker

SUPHANBURI, Thailand. (LAS) — Wichai Duangchan first noticed something terribly wrong with the fish in mid-December. The mud fish called "pla chon" that Wichai raises in large ponds on his farm here started bobbing to the surface as if gasping for air. Many had ugly red blotches and gaping holes in their flesh.

It was the same in other nearby ponds and waterways. The pla chon and other breeds of fresh-water fish began dying by the hundreds, then the thousands, then the millions.

By mid-January, when word of the mass deaths was splashed across the nation by the Bangkok news media, the disease had spread to about one-third of Thailand's 71 provinces. Now, more than half the provinces are affected. Sales of fish — even fish unaffected by the problem — plummeted as many Thais began to avoid this staple of their diet.

Technically, investigators blame the problem on a bacteria called *aeromonas*. However, the real culprit, officials say, is chemical poisoning.

Preliminary tests on pond water samples from Suphanburi province, where the outbreak has been most severe, indicate high concentrations of the herbicides, Atrazine and Paraquat. The latter is probably best known to Americans as the chemical that caused a scare among marijuana users a few years ago when it was sprayed on Latin American fields.

Public health authorities said that they suspect that the herbicides lowered the fish's resistance to the deadly bacteria, as well as reduced the oxygen content of the water.

The epidemic, which threatens to be the worst man-caused ecological disaster ever to strike this tropical kingdom, underscores a growing realization in developing nations that there is a dark side to the chemicals that farmers have come to rely on to produce seemingly magical increases in crop yields.

The industrialized West long ago began learning the dangers, as well as the advantages, of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers. Many Third World farmers, however, have continued to lavish on their fields — often carelessly and needlessly — a wide variety of chemicals designed to kill weeds and bugs and stimulate plant growth.

"Many chemicals banned in your country are sold cheaply here," said Nuansri Tayapuch, a toxic substances expert with the Thai Department of Agriculture. "In some areas, people use chemicals which are formulated by local distributors and don't even have labels. They just mix two or three together. They just know one is to kill insects and another is to kill weeds, but they don't know which insects or weeds or how much the dosage should be."

Not only do farmlands get drenched with poisons, often so do farmers and their families. Nuansri said that little effort is made to shield ponds, canals, livestock and even children from the potentially harmful substances when they are being applied to crops.

The Thai studies found that half of all marine life tested contained some DDT. Although the DDT levels might be within the safety standards of some countries, Dr. Prayoon Deema, head of the agriculture department's toxic substances division, war-

ned, "for Thai people, who eat these aquatic animals as a principal food, it is quite dangerous to their health."

In the Philippines and Indonesia — nations that have recently become self-sufficient in rice, thanks to new, high-yield strains requiring heavy chemical treatment — a common sight is a farm worker shrouded in an insecticide mist created by a hand-held fogger. Because of the heat and humidity of the tropics, operators of these sprayers often shun uncomfortable protective gear.

In Thailand, there is considerable evidence that chemicals are getting into the food chain. Prayoon told a seminar last year that a department study had found numerous samples of rice, beans, fruit, vegetables, milk, eggs and meat laced with pesticide residues, frequently at levels well above safety standards set by the World Health Organization.

Chemicals detected in the studies included Heptachlor, Dieldrin, Aldrin, Lindane, DDT and Endrin, most of which have either been banned or severely restricted in many industrialized nations.

As an illustration of this country's heavy reliance on chemicals for agriculture, Thailand's pesticide imports more than tripled in the 1970s, according to department of agriculture figures. By 1980, the nation was spending more than \$53 million a year on pesticides, mostly from companies in the United States, Europe, Japan and Australia. Frequently these were products that the companies could no longer sell at home.

Like most developing countries, Thailand has few restrictions on the use of toxic chemicals. According to a study printed in the English-language *Bangkok Post*, one of the

rare controls, imposed in recent years was ordered only because excessive levels of the chemical Endrin were found in beans exported to the United States.

Although ignoring government regulations is almost a national pastime here, the fish scare has prompted a chorus of calls for tight controls on the sale and importation of toxic chemicals.

"We have no such thing as safety limits in Thailand," a consumer activist, Chotchuang Chutination, said. "Consumers have no way of knowing how much residue of these insecticides they are exposed to when they eat."

For the time being, at least, Thais are not risking exposure to chemicals in fish, because most of them have stopped eating fish. Vendors have trouble selling fish even at giveaway prices.

More than 20 fish sellers are normally found in stalls at the main market in Suphanburi, a bustling provincial capital in the fertile central plains region about 100 miles northwest of Bangkok. On a recent day, however, only four vendors were offering fish, and it was not moving well.

Wanee Toiwong, 51, said she often used to be able to sell 90 pounds of pla chon a day. Now, she is lucky if she can sell two fish. "I have six children," she said with a sigh. "I am going to die if this continues."

Another vendor, Mee Lim, 53, had been reduced to a sales pitch that was less than tantalizing. "These are good fish from the field," he cried. "There's nothing wrong with them."

Meanwhile, business was booming at the meat and poultry stalls. Chicken prices rose from 49 cents a pound to 59 cents.

Suphanburi is a center for the nation's fish-breeding industry, which is now in economic chaos. Officials have identified at least 15 species of fresh-water fish that have been affected by the epidemic, but pla chon, the most popular, appears to be worst hit.

The extent of the damage is still being assessed, but Pirom Boonyoparakorn, the province's chief fisheries official, estimated the loss in his district alone at more than \$21 million.

"Almost all the fish have died," Pirom said. "Only a few are left, and they will die soon." Fish breeder Wichai lamented, "I'm finished."

That may be a premature assessment, however, because the other day Wichai was draining his ponds and preparing to store the millions of fish — good and bad — in salt that would preserve them until prices for salted pla chon come back up.

To deter such practices, the government has offered to buy diseased fish for about 8 cents a pound, but that is only one-tenth the normal price. About \$2 million has been set aside to help raisers restock their ponds.

Another Look

How to improve your parties

By Robert Yashum

The chances are pretty good that you wouldn't want me anyway. A lot of hosts and hostesses don't. But should you decide to invite me to a holiday party you will have to be able to provide assurance, preferably in written form, that those elements that make so many parties dreary or even loathsome will have been eliminated.

Something along these lines would make me consider an affirmative response:

"The attached invitation is being issued with the following undertakings on our part:

1. That every effort will be made to include at least three other people whom you know."

(I am sure there are people — Hollywood flacks, for example, or carnival talkers — who don't mind entering a room filled with strangers. But I am equally sure that most people find the experience unnerving, sometimes even traumatizing, and, in sum, a hell of a way to begin what is supposed to be a pleasurable experience.)

"2. That the total number of guests will not exceed 16."

(My research shows that fellow misanthropes — people who hate people at parties — became that way because they disliked being packed in with so many other humans. They began to feel like rodents in an ethology experiment. Instinctive claustrophobia is made worse by the fear of accidents that such proximity causes: burning cigarette holes in dresses, making a gesture that is misinterpreted by the person with whom one is talking — or one's mate and so forth.)

"3. That there will be seating available for at least three-quarters of those present, and that guests will be encouraged to sit down."

(Many people, including me, hate to spend a couple of hours on their feet unless they are hiking or jogging. There are exceedingly few parties in which such activity is tolerated, much less encouraged. Most people, regardless of age, get museum legs at parties. The answer is obvious: smaller events, and places to sit.)

"4. That we will be on the lookout for guests who have been cornered by someone from whom they would clearly like to be liberated. And that we will swiftly take whatever measures are necessary to effect that liberation."

(How can you tell who wants to be

liberated? Well, if you don't know you shouldn't be allowed to give a party. The signs are glassy eyes that occasionally dart around in search of rescue — not unlike those of a rabbit mesmerized by a cobra — a fixed smile, rapid breathing, and, in extreme cases, visible twitching.)

"5. That the number of smokers will not exceed 15 percent of the total."

(The physical discomfort caused by parties is in part the result of inhaling other people's used tobacco smoke. Tobacco Institute advertisements to the contrary and notwithstanding, there is surely harm being done by any pollutant that makes my bronchial tubes and lungs feel irritated after half an hour. I was once one of those party polluters myself, and would like now to issue a belated apology to all those who were forced to inhale my second-hand fumes.)

"6. That known preachers will be screened out."

(Crusaders have their place, but it isn't at parties. It doesn't matter whether they are proselytizing for fascism or communism, Cubism or Dadaism. One should not have to fear being collared, or laped, by predatory — and often plastered — absolutists.)

"7. That is selecting guests we shall strive for compatibility above all, putting aside temptations to include business contacts, people who are owed return invitations, titled foreigners, most big names in the fashion world, and Henry Kissinger."

(It may not be tactful to be specific about these things, but I'd rather not attend a bash that included the likes of — to pick a few names at random from *Tatler* magazine's coverage of British parties — Roddy Llewellyn, Margaret Duchess of Argyll, Miss Martha Twisleton-Wykeham-Biemes, Lt. Col. Blashford Snell, Sir Vivyan Naylor-Leland, and dozens of slack-faced young men named Alastair Smyth Throckdon-Phipps.)

(Or, if in the U.S., I'd rather not be sharing canapés with the likes of — to pluck some names from a recent December party — Betsy Bloomingdale, Jerry Zipkin, Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass, Halston, Cristina DeLorean, Stavros Niarchos, Andy Warhol, and Prince and Princess Edouard de Lobkowicz.)

Without such an undertaking I won't even consider attending your party; with it, I'll think it over.

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Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: My father, just turned 70, was always the macho type. I use that characteristic in trying to get him to take his treatments. I say, "Pop, take your medicine like a man." But it doesn't help. Although he's willing to visit the doctor, the unused bottles and pill-boxes line the shelves of the medicine cabinet. At times, I think he simply forgets to take his medicine. But he says no. "I just hate to take any kind of medicine," he says. "Bitter or sweet, capsule or pill — they're all the same." But he needs his medicines because he often has congestive heart failure and his blood sugar gets too high. I don't want to call my father a stubborn old fool, but that's what he is. He certainly tries the patience of my mother and myself. What can we do? — Mrs. A.

Dear Mrs. A.: I don't know about the "fool" part of it, but you should know that his stubbornness is not unique in patients his age. He has company.

For example, in *Geriatrics* magazine (11/82): "A national survey sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) has confirmed what most practitioners know only too well: patients, particularly older patients, aren't taking their medicines. The

latest figures indicate that nearly one-fifth of Americans over the age of 55 do not take all of the drugs prescribed for them."

I advise frustrated children like yourself to take on the responsibility of "spoon-feeding" the essential medicines. Like doling out cereals to an infant, make it a part of your daily routine to personally administer the medicines. Elderly patients will not usually refuse medication if confronted with the pill or capsule and a glass of water. If you do this, Mrs. A., you will be preventing frequent attacks of heart failure, and any complications due to your father's diabetes.

MEDICALETTES

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. T.: Ideally, prevention of osteoporosis should begin early in life. This will prevent bone deterioration later on. In some patients, osteoporosis appears as early as age 35. Here are some practical suggestions: (1) Exercise daily. Walking or running prevents disease of bone and osteoporosis. (But don't over-exercise.) (2) Take a diet rich in calcium. (3) Avoid excess use of vitamins A and D, which may hasten bone deterioration.

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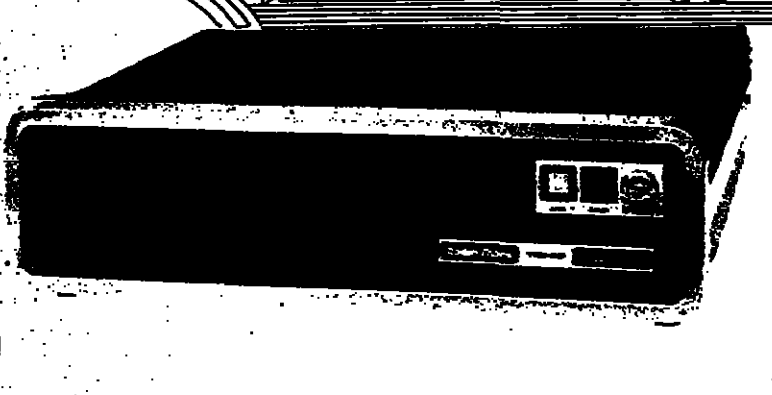
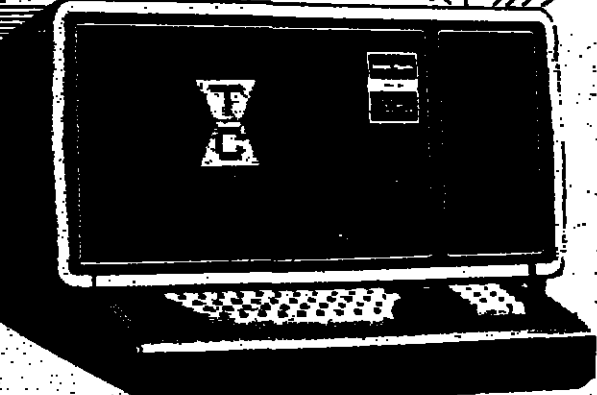
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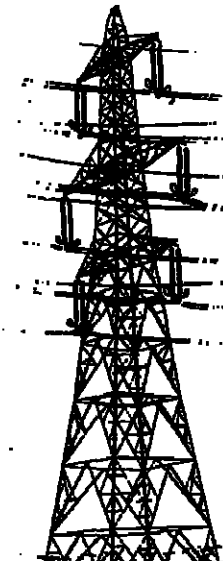
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KEEP LEBANON'S UNITY

Israel would like nothing better than the fragmentation of Lebanon into warring minorities which it could manipulate at will. Before and during the present occupation of the country, the Israelis have been fomenting bloody clashes between the various tribal, ethnic and denominational communities. They have supplied arms to their allies, the Phalangists and unleashed them on the Druze who are also being clandestinely supplied with arms. At the same time, they are creating their own loyal lackeys in the South so that if ever they have to withdraw from Lebanon, they will be able to rely on them to do their bidding just as they have managed to do with the renegade Maj. Saad Haddad. Unfortunately, many of the Lebanese groups and their leaders are playing into the hands of the invaders by agreeing to kill each other for the sake of Israel.

Chiefly to blame, of course, is the Phalangist party and its military wing which, as the largest grouping in Lebanon should have behaved with a greater sense of responsibility taking into consideration the national interest and not just its own plan to extend its hegemony over the whole country.

The Phalangists are mistaken in the belief that even if they achieve overall supremacy they will be spared Israeli interference. Their founder-leader Pierre Gemayel, father of President Amin, declared yesterday that Israel aims at breaking up the country into several principalities under its own control.

He should now use his considerable influence with the party and its army to halt their attacks against the other communities and point out the dangers inherent in carrying out the Israeli Balkanization scheme.

ERSHAD'S NEW PLAN

The Bangladeshi head of state Gen. Ershad has promised to restore democracy to the country but his plan at this stage appears unclear since he has not spelt out its details.

Gen. Ershad, it may be remembered, overthrew the elected government of his predecessor President Abdul Sattar on the ground of inefficiency. The election had been thoroughly democratic and it is going to take all of Gen. Ershad's talents for persuasion to convince the people that his proposed plan for democracy is a great deal more superior. What will happen to him once the plan comes into operation? Will the army continue to play a role in the nation's political life? At the same time denunciation of the plan by many political parties may be premature because all the details are not yet out.

Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi newspapers Tuesday devoted their editorials mainly to King Fahd's tour of the Kingdom's towns and villages and the warm welcome accorded to him by the people.

Al-Riyadh expressed the hope that similar celebrations would one day be held in Jerusalem realizing Arab and Muslim aspirations. *Al-Jazirah* described the tour as a working visit in the service of the country and the happiness of its people. *Al-Nadwa*, referring to the King's planned visit to the city Tuesday, said the warm welcome with which the monarch would be greeted would merely illustrate the people's appreciation of their leaders.

Al-Bilad said the country has been experiencing full development in various parts. *Al-Madinah* noted the "huge achievements" made and said it is sufficient that we build for man's benefit, not for his destruction.

Okaz said the development projects being carried out in the Kingdom reflected the ambitions of the Saudi people sought by King Fahd. It added that the economic strategy adopted by King Fahd's government was designed to overcome development difficulties encountered in Third World countries.

Al-Yom urged the Arabs to move quickly and collectively to avert any Zionist danger before it was too late. The paper was commenting on reports that U.S. President Reagan had pledged to King Hussein of Jordan that he would exert pressure on Israel to stop building settlements in occupied Arab territories if Jordan and the Palestinians announced they would join peace negotiations. It said the pledge demonstrated the American scheme which would find no success among the Arabs if they unanimously dealt with the matter speedily "in a manner foisting all attempts to impose Zionist designs through the Americans."

The paper went on to ask: "Why should not America exert pressure on the Zionist enemy and secure a full withdrawal from Lebanon?" It also asked: "Why should success in the American elections depend on the extent of U.S. aid to Israel in both good and bad times?"

Al-Yom noted that in view of the "seriousness of the situation the Arabs should move quickly and collectively, either through peace or war and use, all legitimate means to ward off danger and check Zionism. Otherwise it will be too late."

Missile debate caught in vortex of Bonn politics

By William Drozdzak

BONN —

Election pressures are opening up serious fissures between West Germany's governing coalition partners over the key campaign issues of missile deployment and economic policies.

After Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's recent visit to Bonn it became evident that a tactical breach still divided the Christian Democrats and their junior partner, the Free Democrats, over the best way to nurture an agreement between Moscow and Washington that would restrict or eliminate medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

The Christian Democratic chancellor, Helmut Kohl, stressed to Gromyko that the Bonn government held a "firm, clear position" in favor of President Reagan's "zero solution" that would cancel deployment of 572 Pershing II and Cruise missiles if the Soviet Union dismantles some 600 or more nuclear-tipped rockets targeted on Western Europe.

But the Free Democrats' leader, Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, is now calling for "an interim solution" that would keep the missile count low on both sides if the ultimate goal of total elimination could not be achieved this year.

In a recent radio interview Genscher argued that a shift away from the zero option should be undertaken if the Soviet Union showed signs of reciprocal compromise. Genscher's views were backed by Jürgen Moellmann, a Free Democrat foreign affairs specialist, who said an "all or nothing" approach on the missiles could not be accepted and the West must prepare for "an interim solution."

As the parties here scramble for votes in next month's election, the missile debate has become motivated more than ever by political considerations.

When Kohl took power last October, he sought to quell fears about a neutralist trend in West Germany by repeatedly emphasizing Bonn's commitment to the Atlantic Alliance.

He staunchly backed the NATO "double track" decision to deploy the new nuclear missiles if the arms talks failed and, upon issuing a call for March elections, said he was seeking a mandate to install the missiles if necessary.

Genscher early on also voiced full support for the NATO decision and the U.S. negotiating position, but as his party's rating in the polls has plummeted to nearly 3 percent — well below the 5 percent required to hold seats in parliament — he has tried to modulate his rhetoric to lure support from the growing numbers of West Germans who are uncomfortable about missile deployment regardless of the fate of arms negotiations.

At the same time, the opposition Social Democrats have rebounded from a nadir of 30 percent to 42 percent, second only to the Christian Democrats' 48 percent ranking. The antinuclear, environmental group known as the "Greens" hold 6.2 percent support.

The Social Democrats now stress the need to negotiate the most plausible deal with the Soviets to avoid new nuclear deployment. Lately, they have displayed strong momentum in the campaign, particularly in the wake of highly publicized trips to Washington, Moscow and Paris in recent weeks by their candidate for chancellor, Hans Jochen Vogel, who has embellished their image as the party best endowed to revive détente.

Vogel's journeys also highlighted the impression that the Social Democrats are determined to become actively involved in seeking a compromise between the superpowers, a role that contrasts sharply in the public eye with the Christian Democrats' less flexible posture of unflinching fealty to Washington's line.

The Social Democrats' deputy leader of parliament, Horst Ehmke has, meanwhile outlined a compromise solution at the Geneva talks that he believes the United States should propose to break the impasse with the Soviets. Ehmke said the United States should revoke deployment of the 108 Pershing and station only half of the 464 Cruise missiles in return for the Soviets' agreement to dismantle half of their 333 SS-20 missiles.

While admitting that this arrangement would leave Moscow with a superior intermediate missile force in Europe, Ehmke said his proposal "would underline the defensive nature of NATO" and possibly encourage the Soviets to prove more cooperative in seeking an overall balance in strategic arms reduction talks. The Social Democrats' proposal may sow even more discord between the ruling coalition parties if the arms talks languish and the Free Democrats grow more restive about improving prospects for a compromise in order to capture enough votes to survive the March elections.

There is also growing disunity between the two parties over economic policies. Kohl's Christian Democrats have already stunned the Free Democrats by revoking an earlier pledge and imposing a surtax on incomes above \$21,000, a move prompted largely by concern that the party was losing ground to opposition charges of being a "socially unjust" rich man's political organization.

The Free Democrats, on the other hand, believe in trickle-down economics and argued in vain that the tax must be repaid, as promised earlier, in order to restore investment incentives and business confidence.

Free Democrat leaders said they were "astonished" by the decision all the more because the idea of a surtax of upper incomes was the primary reason their party jilted a 13-year ruling coalition with the Social Democrats last autumn to form a new government with the Christian Democrats. (WP)

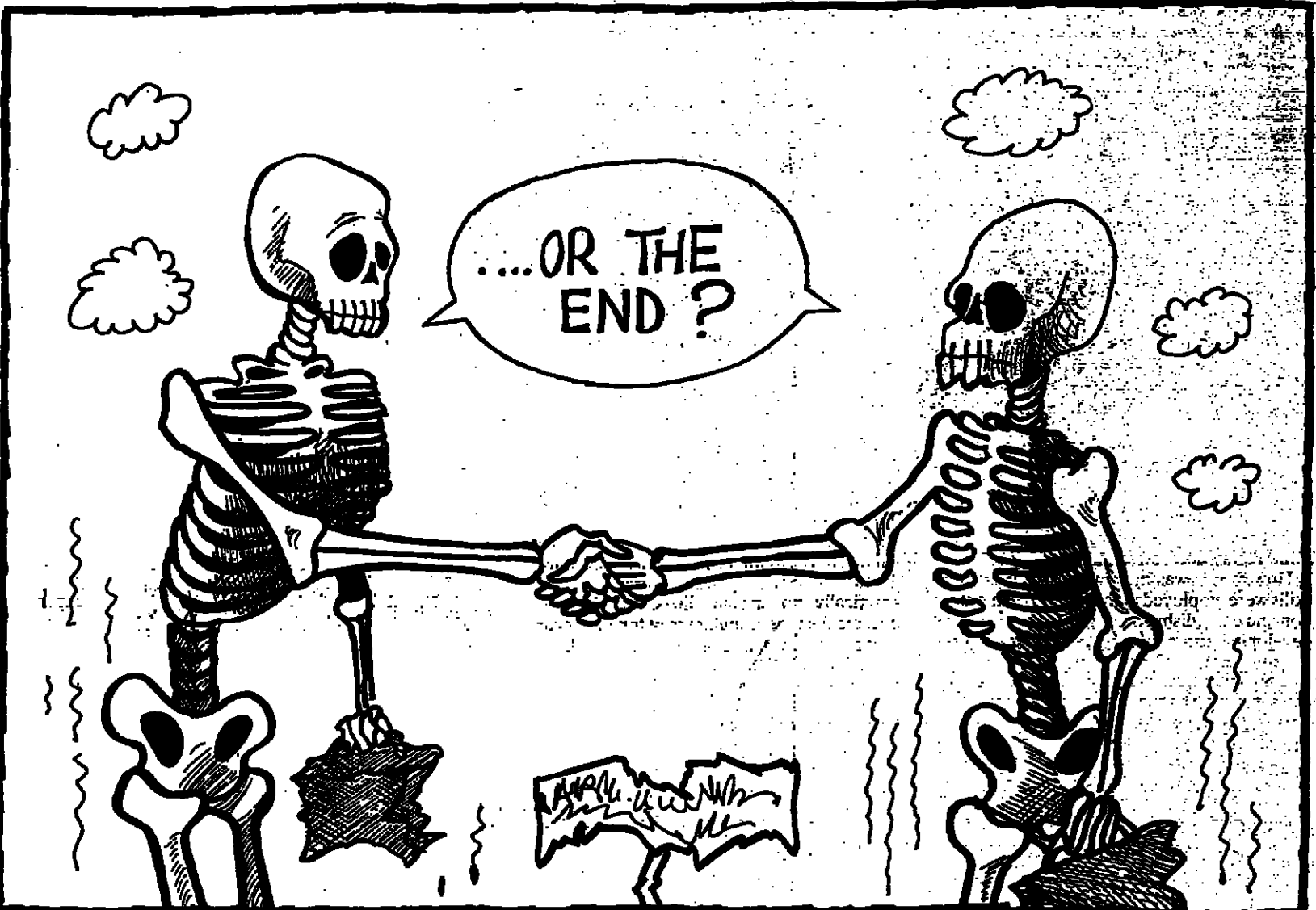
Prince Talal

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It is heartening to note that the mass media is not neglecting Prince Talal's great services to mankind.

(Editor's note: An interview with the prince was carried by Arab News in two instalments in its issues of Jan. 25 and Feb. 1)

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Trade aims behind Japan's military rhetoric

By Peter McGill

TOKYO —

Japanese military plans under the two-month-old government of Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone have infuriated opposition parties and caused alarm in neighboring Asian states. Former political taboos on selling arms technology, boosting defense spending, revising the "peace constitution" and affirming an "alliance" with the United States no longer seem sacred. Yet how real are the impending changes, and how much are they intended to placate Washington for Tokyo's other aggressive activity — trade?

Ordinary Japanese were jolted when Nakasone told the *Washington Post*: "My own view of defense is that the whole of the Japanese archipelago should be like an unsinkable aircraft carrier putting up a tremendous bulwark of defense against infiltration of the (Soviet) Backfire bomber."

The words "unsinkable aircraft carrier" were used almost 40 years ago, during the closing days of the Pacific War, to describe Japanese plans for Taiwan. And Nakasone, a former Imperial Navy officer, stirred up further unpleasant memories by referring to Japan and the U.S. as "bound together by a common destiny." Those words echoed the once-fashionable imperial ambitions of Japan for its conquered territory of Manchuria.

Many people think Nakasone intends fulfilling the Pentagon's dream of a militarized Japan forming the third leg of a "triple alliance" of South Korea, Japan and the U.S. to defend Asia against Communist North Korea and the Soviet Union. Long-term Pentagon plans call for a militarized

Japan helping the containment of the Soviet Union by securing the North Pacific, allowing the over-stretched U.S. 7th Fleet to supplement the planned Rapid Deployment Force in the Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Most Japanese, however, are not overly concerned about the Soviet threat, despite the planned stationing of more SS-20 missiles by Moscow in the Far East. But they are concerned about America's "free ride" argument, which claims Japan is getting U.S. military protection on the cheap while Japanese exports are making deep inroads into the U.S. economy.

Japanese leaders thus see boosting defense (or making hawkish noises) as a good way of buying off real trouble should the U.S. get protectionist. Japan had previously agreed to study defense of the sea lanes within 1,000 nautical miles of Tokyo to protect its trade arteries, as well as blocking off three strategic straits around Japan to bottle up the Soviet fleet based in Vladivostok in the event of hostilities. But in Washington Nakasone went much further by saying Japan should defend itself for "several hundred miles" to cover the "sea lanes between the strait of Taiwan and Osaka."

The problem with these grand strategies is that Japan has no hope, and probably no intention, of realizing these goals for the foreseeable future. Under the medium-term defense build-up approved for 1983 to 1988, Japan will increase its present 54 destroyers and frigates to 60, while the U.S. thinks it will need at least 70 to accomplish anything effective. Japan intends to add another two submarines to bring it up to 16, and 72 P-3C

anti-submarine planes. The U.S. wants Japan to have 25 subs and 125 P-3C planes.

For its future air cover, Japan proposes 10 interceptor squadrons including six squadrons of F-15s (229 planes in all). The U.S. thinks Japan needs 350 modern interceptor planes. Japan has offered 100 support fighter planes (U.S. wants 150), 50 transport aircraft (U.S. says 100), and eight early warning planes (U.S. says 10). According to military sources in Tokyo, this last discrepancy pales in comparison to what would be needed to make an "unsinkable carrier" and "tremendous bulwark" (LANS)

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Letters to the editor

Prince Talal

Rothschilts in U.K.

Traffic Department

Sir,

The British government should be reminded that the great tragedy that has befallen the Palestinian people is the direct result of the treacherous policies Britain followed in the region over the years. Mrs. Thatcher's personal contribution to this shameful record should not surprise the Arabs. After all, her Conservative Party has more than its share of Rothschilds.

A Palestinian

Sir,

The visit of Arab mission to the United Kingdom without the PLO representative would have been an act of surrender to British Prime Minister Mrs. Thatcher, the main enemy of Arabs and Muslims. It was British who destroyed the Muslim kingdoms all over the world. Why should we trust these people?

All Arab and Muslim countries must introduce compulsory military training and join together to fight these enemies of Islam.

Muhammad

Sir,

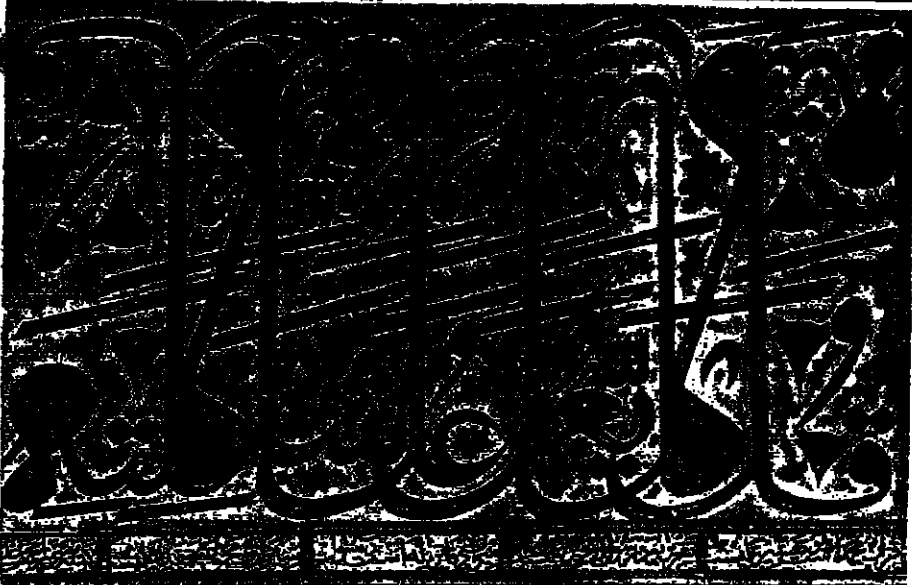
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Thought for today:
We have 40 million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936)



TUGHRA STYLE: A specimen of Arabic calligraphy in Tughra style. The tablet repeats the same Qur'anic verse in reverse in the upper half so that it can be read equally well from either side. **Right:** This specimen of calligraphy in Nastaliq script was written nearly a century ago.

Pride of Islamic world

Urdu keeping the art of calligraphy alive

By Hamid Rajput

KARACHI—The origin of calligraphy, or elegant penmanship, can be traced back to the advent of Islam in Arabia, 1,400 years ago. The basic reason for its coming into vogue was the need to transcribe the holy Qur'an for distribution among the believers, which was considered an act of piety, a sacred duty.

The *Kufic* script is the oldest of Arabic calligraphic styles which developed in the early days of Islam for the transcription of the Qur'an. Specimens of this script are extant on parchment or deer skin, both in the form of copies of the Qur'an transcribed by the early Caliphs, and as letters of the holy Prophet, written to certain heads of state.

The *Kufic* script also appeared on the coins of the Umayyads, and was extensively used in the inscriptions of early mosques and other Muslim monuments.

For the simple reason of its being employed in the transcription of the holy Qur'an, this script received great impetus and developed various foliated and floral forms in the beginning of the third century of the Hijra. Both in its simple and ornamental forms, it continued to be used in the Islamic world till after the tenth century.

The *Nashk* script, distinguished from the *Kufic* by its rounded characters and level ductus, became popular in large parts of the Muslim world after the 10th century though it had its origin much earlier. *Nashk* was in high vogue during the Seljuk period, and has since been in use in a variety of forms, including some highly decorative ones.

However, it was in the hands of artists that skills were employed in the transcription and embellishment of the text, thus developing different styles of calligraphy. A calligraphist was not only a scholar but an accomplished artist, penman and craftsman as well.

With the spread of Islam, the art of calligraphy too spread far and wide with important centers at Baghdad, Cairo and Herat, sweeping across Turkey, Iran, Central Asia and Spain.

Islamic calligraphy had a profound influence on Europe, even as early as in the days of Haroon-al-Rashid. The Arabic script was used as a decorative motif even in churches.

Kings and nobles took pride in cultivating the art. Muslim historians have recorded the names of some of the illustrious calligraphists: Ibn Muqala (940 A.D.), Ibn Bawwab (1,032 A.D.), and Yaqut Mustasini (1,298 A.D.), to name a few.

Nashk is still used for writing Sindhi, Pushto and Punjabi — three regional languages of Pakistan — as well as Urdu, the national language.

In the course of time, other styles of calligraphy, both simple and decorative, also developed, prominent amongst them being



NASHK SCRIPT: A specimen of calligraphy in bold Nashk script in two-color ink on an illuminated page.

Tulsh and the *Tughra*. The latter has a number of motifs, such as the "flying banners," seen on decorative writings, or on Pakistani rupee coins, and the "sailing ship" on the seals of the great Turkish Sultans.

From *Nashk* a highly refreshing style, called the *Nastaliq*, was evolved in Iran in the late 14th century, by a great calligraphist, Mir Ali Qasbi. With a characteristic dropping ductus, strongly repetitive, figures, and practically no straight lines, the *Nastaliq* became the most popular script for all Persian writings in Iran and its neighboring lands from Central Asia down to India during the middle ages.

The *Nashk* and *Nastaliq* styles of calligraphy were introduced in the sub-continent during this period by the Turkish Sultans, amongst whom the saintly Sultan Nasiruddin Mahmood (1246-1266), is well-known for spending his leisure time in transcribing the holy Qur'an.

Later, it was under the Mughal emperors (16-18th century) that this art reached the height of its development, as most of them had special training in calligraphy and it formed an essential part of the education of the Mughal princes and princesses as well as the commoners.

Mughal emperors, such as Babar, Sha Jahan and Aurangzeb themselves practiced calligraphy and earned distinction for the delicacy of their styles.

Under the patronage of the Muslim rulers of the subcontinent calligraphers transcribed, in a large variety of styles, the Qur'an, royal memoirs, *Farmans* (decrees), and historical and scientific works.

Farmans were, generally speaking, patents of rank and deeds of grant bearing the imperial or royal seal. A *Farman* was usually a fixed protocol formula. It began with a dedication, such as the *Bismillah*, below which came the *Tughra*, usually in red ink, containing the name and title of the sultan in ornamental *Nashk*. Under the Mughals, the great seal gave the name and the title of the ruler, emperor in the middle and the names of his ancestors up to Timur in small circles around it. Below the *Tughra* and the seal came the text of the document. On the reverse, entries were made by the state office regarding the checking of the *Farman* and the date of affixing the seal.

The Muslim contribution to the art of book production is also unparalleled. During the last centuries of the first millennium, Arabic became the main vehicle of research work in science, medicine, optics, astronomy, astrology, alchemy, geography, botany, mathematics, philosophy, history, ethics, literature, music, jurisprudence, grammar, poetry and lexicography.

It was chiefly from Muslim Spain that Islamic culture, with its broad humanity and emphasis on the indicative method, advanced to penetrate into the Christian world of the early middle ages to produce the modern civilization of Europe. As Briffault has said, "Science is the most momentous contribution of Muslim civilization to the modern world." Roger Bacon, the first scientist of Europe, was significantly a pupil at the University of Cordova.

Besides Spain, there were other centers of learning in the Muslim lands. The Library of

the Fatimids in Cairo comprised about 100,000 volumes. The Abbasid dynasty is notable for the establishment of numerous colleges and libraries, and the translation of Sanskrit and Greek texts into Arabic. Similarly, Samarkand, Bukhara, Balkh, Herat, Kharwariz, Thatta, Multan, Uch and Lahore were famous centers of learning where books and libraries formed an integral part of life and culture.

The manuscripts transcribed by the master calligraphists of the subcontinent were often richly illuminated and illustrated with miniature paintings. They were generally bound in leather, the edges being protected with a flap. The normal decoration consisted of stamping with beading edges, medallions in the center and unobtrusive script in the corners. This method of decoration lasted until the 14th century. During the later periods, it was replaced by gliding with arabesque and decorative figure groups, and occasionally with lacquer work in the Chinese style.

With the downfall of the Mughal empire, calligraphy began to decline; it lost the imperial patronage. Under the British East India Company, which succeeded the Mughals in the subcontinent, the art of calligraphy was limited to correspondence in Persian with the local chiefs and princes, and for issuing of *Kharis* in *Nastaliq* on glazed paper. By about 1800 A.D. with the introduction of the *Nashk* type of the printing establishment of Fort William, Calcutta, these calligraphers went out of business and their art began to decline.

Today, this art mostly survives in Pakistan, and to some extent in India, because all Urdu printing has first to be calligraphed by an expert in the *Nastaliq* style before going to the press. The leading Urdu dailies and publishing houses have to maintain teams of calligraphers on their staff instead of line-type operators or typesetters. A computerized Urdu printing type has recently been evolved in Pakistan which may replace the *Nastaliq* style of calligraphy before long in this country.

Lately, some of the leading artists in Pakistan, like Sadequain, Shemza and Ozair Zubay have shown specific liking for the pattern potential of the *Kufic* characters. They are using these characters, with circular, semi-circular, horizontal and vertical shapes, in their paintings in an interesting way, but more as pieces of art than calligraphy.

Similarly, Sadequain, the most versatile of modern Pakistani painters, is nowadays applying his talent to both Arabic and Urdu calligraphy, creating virtually hundreds of forms and shapes in the arrangement and presentation of the verses from the holy Qur'an and Urdu classical poems.

His work, which may be called artistic calligraphy, is a feast for the eye. It follows and brings together almost all styles on a single panel.

Train trip reveals the real Australia

By Seyid Berry

SYDNEY (LOS) — Trains are no longer fashionable in Australia. One flies on the efficient airlines, or follows the crowd down highways and freeways. An Australian journalist who has been going from Sydney to Melbourne for 30 years has flown every time except once, when he went by car. Most Australians do the same, and seldom see anything of the big brown land which lies between their cities.

Thus there are two Australias, urban and rural, having little contact with each other. The vast majority of Australians live in state capitals and do not know the mallee and mulga and spinifex and the several hundred types of gum trees which cover the driest of earth's continents.

This most urbanized of nations has been cut off from the weird wonders of its nature: gum trees that shed their bark, not leaves. Marsupials, unknown elsewhere except for the opossum.

But the trains go through the Outback or "bush". The trains go there because the nineteenth century pioneers who opened up the land in their search for gold depended upon them for the even more precious commodity of water. Where there was gold, the railways came, permeating every state and territory, and most of them still survive.

Cook is a station on the Nullarbor plain where the Transcontinentals always stop for 20 minutes. It was named after an Australian prime minister but it could have been so called after the fact that you can fry an egg on the line in many days of summer.

One hundred thousand people a year stop in Cook for 20 minutes. As the train pulled out I saw why none of them stay any longer. There is not much to do in Cook except wait for the headlight of the next "up" or "down" which can be seen half-an-hour away along the 297 miles of the famous Long Straight.

Few burdens which the white man has imposed on himself can have been more arduous than a railway across the Nullarbor. The men, the fettiars, who live there now and maintain the track have their water brought from Port Augusta, 500 miles to the east. And water is not the only essential in short supply.

Cook has two lockups, unwindowed telephone kiosks of corrugated iron, although offenders have usually sobered up in the eight hours before a policeman can come down the line. But once you have looked along the rails to east and west, and across the street to north and south, and reflected upon this cluster of people in the heart of nowhere — as isolated a community as there is — the lockups can serve another purpose, in curing agoraphobia.

If any 5 a.m. train can be said to be worth catching, it has to be the one departing from Burnie in northwest Tasmania on the Emu Bay Railway.

Just as the last refuge for Tasmanian aborigines and the native tiger was on the

wild west coast, so it is for the one remaining passenger service on the island. The government-owned railway continues to carry logs, but only the private Emu Bay offers the public a ride — on two spare seats in the guard's van of the 5 a.m. to Rosebery.

Three diesels drag narrow-gauge ore trucks up from the port of Burnie. By dawn they are on to the plateau, where farms and orchards — rare in this land of fences — hedgerows combine to substantiate Tasmania's claim that it alone in Australia has some of the loveliness of an English pastoral.

Apples are not the island's only fruit "...and then the mulberries," wrote Trollope. "There was a lady in Hobarttown who sent us mulberries every day such as I had never eaten before, and as — I feel sure — I shall never eat again, Tasmania ought to make jam for all the world."

After pastoral, the train plunges into forest, part of that rain forest which has made the southwest of Tasmania a wilderness. It crosses other rivers, like the Pieman, which the Hydro-electric Commission has already dammed for eternity.

At the turn of this century, eight railway companies were operating on this west coast, freighting silver, zinc and copper ore, and the where-withal for those who mined these minerals in the bush. One line went from Queens-town to Strahan along the bank of the copper-stained King River, until 1963 when it was closed and the line taken up.

Now the Australian Labor Party is considering a scheme to spend \$50 million laying down a new line on the same route to attract tourists and provide local employment.

Alice Springs, in 1929 when the first locomotive steamed in, was not called Alice Springs. It was Stuart, and the number of whites who lived there was no more than 40.

Alice today has a drive-in and suburban bungalows and over 20,000 inhabitants, and it is more attractive than many an outback town. There are fewer of those neon signs, bunting-strewn car maris, and wires which crisscross every Australian street. When the train noses through Heavyside Gap in the MacDonnell Ranges and almost passes down the main street of Alice Springs, the hopefulness of a traveler can still be fulfilled.

For decades the federal government has been promising to extend the line from Alice to Darwin, to give Australia a second transcontinental railway on the north-south axis. It might just be done in time for the national bicentenary in 1988, at a cost of \$500 million, as Australia's birthday present to itself.

Unfashionable, unprofitable and strike-prone as Australian railways may be (striking here is known as the British disease), there is still variety in the system. Not everything is standardized, not even the gauge.

But these are not the trains which most Australians know. They catch the 8.30 to central station in Sydney or the 4.58 from Flinders Street, Melbourne. The Outback is still said to be the 'real Australia' but few have experience of its reality.

Indonesian exports get sandalwood's fragrance

By Warief Djajanto

KUPANG, Indonesia (Depthnews) — Sandalwood is highly valued around the world as a raw material for oil, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and as a delicate base for fine Balinese handicraft. So much so that while the government plans to increase production, illicit smuggling is also rampant.

Even before the Portuguese came to these islands in the 16th century, sandalwood was already exported from Sumba Island since the 12th century. Thus, the foreign visitors called Sumba "Sandalwood Island."

During the Dutch colonial period, production and trade of *cendana*, as it is locally called, was in the control of the government and declared as "royal wood." This was a ploy to frighten people to keep from indiscriminately logging sandalwood.

Today, the cultivation of sandalwood in East Nusa Tenggara covers 930 hectares, 800 has. in the islands of Timor and the rest in Solor, an island east of Flores. They are spread out in the rural hinterlands and do not concentrate on plantations. All sandalwood trees are under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Service in East Nusa Tenggara where the "royal wood" myth helps authorities.

East Nusa Tenggara, an island 2,000 kilometers east of Jakarta, is the only province in Indonesia producing sandalwood in

significant quantity. The Philippines, India, Sri Lanka, Fiji and Australia are also major producers of sandalwood.

The Indonesian government intends to increase sandalwood production, starting with a 30,000 ha. development project which is expected to be completed in six years. The development of other commercially attractive wood is also expected during 1982-83. For one, the *angana* wood has been given priority, with saplings from nurseries transported to plantations in Timor and Sumba.

Still, because of its value, sandalwood is being smuggled despite strict controls. For instance, the government has banned since 1978 the export of sandalwood in its wood form. Since 1966, when the government placed controls on sandalwood, people looked for means to make money out of it by smuggling the finer, polished wood to Bali. This isle is a well-known center for the making of sandalwood-based fans and other handicraft.

One measure to prevent the disappearance of sandalwood trees is by setting production quotas. The current annual allowable cut is 700 tons. Only trees 50 years old and above may be cut.

Sandalwood trees are found in the districts of Kupang, South Central Timor, North Central Timor and Belu, along the border with East Timor.

China dealing sternly with those after kickbacks

By Michael Weinstein

PEKING (WP) — In the strongest move so far in the latest campaign to end high-level corruption, China has executed a local Communist official for profiteering with \$35,000 in cash and electronic goods.

The execution of Wang Zhong for the kind of corruption that might bring a relatively brief prison term for a convicted U.S. politician was carried out publicly recently in traditional Chinese style — a single bullet fired into the nape of the neck.

The condemned man was shown on Chinese television in a film taken minutes before his death, sitting nervously in a heavy wooden chair with his hands manacled behind him. Thousands of spectators circled him in an open field in Canton province as a judge, waving documents, yelled out the execution order. The camera quickly cut to sheets of cash and hundreds of wristwatches, television sets, radios and tape recorders he was convicted of embezzling.

Wang, 56, once the chief party leader of a Canton county, was the first official to be executed under the new death penalty provisions of Peking's get-tough, anticorruption campaign. *People's Daily* hailed his punishment as "immense satisfaction to the people."

"This strict but justified verdict serves as a heavy blow and stern warning to criminals who have furiously sabotaged the Socialist economy," said the newspaper in a front-page editorial Tuesday.

Since the well-publicized war on venality opened last March, the Communist government says it has uncovered more than 136,000 cases of "economic crime," which is a euphemism for old-fashioned, Tammany Hall-style scams — albeit with a Socialist spin.

Among grafters nabbed so far have been the "cement king" of south China who took \$80,000 in kickbacks for parading out

rationed building materials, trade officials who accepted 17 Swiss wristwatches while traveling abroad, the entire Communist Party committee of a Canton factory implicated in a \$15 million smuggling racket, power company figures known as the "electric despots" accused of embezzling \$750,000 and commune bosses who sold \$7,000 worth of spoiled rice seedlings to poor peasants.

Although the investigations have kept headline-writers busy for months, they have resulted in relatively light penalties for convicted offenders and have carefully detoured the top party echelons despite reports of widespread graft committed by relatives of national leaders.

For Chinese skeptics who have watched previous governments decimate their political adversaries in the name of "clean government," the current campaign has been seen as a classic case of "only swatting at flies, not at tigers."

As top party leader in Haifeng county from 1979 to 1981 and later promoted to a higher level post, Wang had been a rising political star since the moderates now running China seized power in the late 1970s.

Like other Canton cadres, however, Wang was unable to resist the easy temptations, or "sugar-coated bullets," in Chinese Communist parlance, offered by the rampant smuggling into China of everything from bicycles to movies. The contraband originated in the British colony of Hong Kong just a short distance across the border.

Fulfilling his duties, Wang made sure the contraband was seized and carefully stored in warehouses dotting his country, according to *People's Daily*.

But, the newspaper pointed out, he was equally thorough in raiding the warehouse for his own gain. Under the pretext of serving the "needs of leading cadres," he stole 263

wristwatches, 17 radio cassette recorders, electric fans, televisions and other items valued at \$29,000.

Wang also collected bribes — \$6,000 in cash, refrigerators, televisions and recorders — in exchange for his permission to travel to Hong Kong, it was reported.

People's Daily, holding that officials should use their power for the common weal not woe, blamed Wang for infecting other local cadres with his corruption and contributing to social disorder.

"The law will be enforced strictly and impartially on criminals who sabotage the economy," warned the newspaper. "no matter who they are, no matter where they work and no matter what their position."

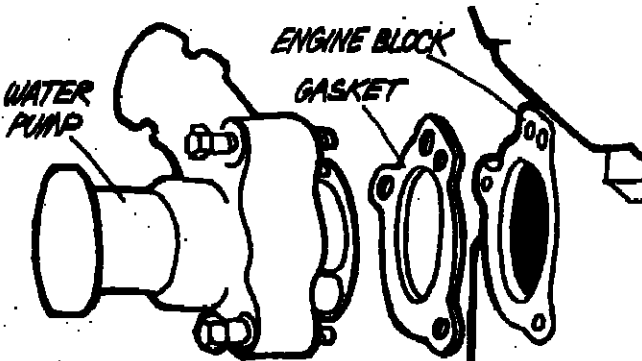
For Western diplomats, the execution was a convincing measure of the government's seriousness, if not a case of swatting flies with sledgehammers. It's a nice little footnote for a human-rights report on China," said one envoy.

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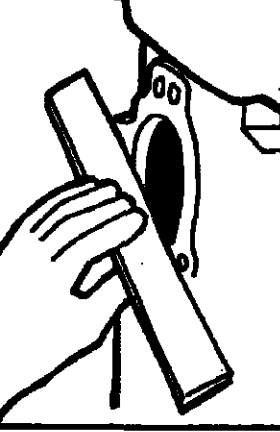
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For earning bonuses

Andropov tells labor to hike productivity

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (AP) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has used a visit to a Moscow factory to give home his message to Soviet workers that they must improve efficiency if they are to continue to earn bonuses, Tass has said.

In an unusually direct appeal to workers in a machine tool factory in Moscow, Andropov said bluntly that "there are no miracles" and quick ways to alleviate consumer shortages. "As you realize, the state can provide exactly the amount of goods that has been produced," he was quoted as saying. Increasing productivity and labor discipline was the best way out of the situation, he said.

Andropov's criticism was not new but the fact that he took his attack straight to the shop floor was seen as a further sign that Soviet authorities will push hard to increase efficiency and crack down on sub-standard work.

Former Communist Party General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, who died last Nov. 10, rarely made such direct appeals to ordinary workers in the last years of his leadership.

Tass said that Andropov told workers they "must remember" that the Soviet Union was "lagging behind" key targets in the current 1981-85 five year plan "in a number of the most important sections of our economic activity." He stressed, too, that "labor productivity is growing at rates that cannot satisfy us now."

"The expression" to adjust the plan "is familiar to us all," Andropov was quoted as saying, referring to the customary reduction of ambitious planned goals. This is done on a local level so that workers can preserve bon-

U.S. steelmakers withdraw case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (R) — U.S. steelmakers withdrew their complaint against Japan and decided to give the government until Feb. 23 to find a satisfactory solution to the trade dispute, the U.S. Trade Office said.

The American Iron and Steel Institute recently filed a complaint against Japanese steel producers, alleging that they had entered into an agreement with Western European producers to divert steel to the U.S.

The American steelmakers asked the trade office to find that they were being unfairly hurt and to impose quotas and import surcharges on Japanese steel products.

The trade office was supposed to have reached a decision on the complaint Monday. But a trade office spokesman said the American Iron and Steel Institute decided to withdraw the complaint and give the trade office until Feb. 23 to negotiate an acceptable solution to the problem.

If the American industry is not satisfied with the trade office's progress by Feb. 23, it can refile the complaint against Japan. The trade office would then have five days to rule on the complaint.

India seeks farm tie-ups with Syria

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1 (AFP) — India expressed its keen interest in having greater cooperation with Syria in various agriculture-related sectors.

Official sources quoted Agriculture Minister Rao Birendra Singh as saying at a meeting with his visiting Syrian counterpart Ammash Gadee here that India was willing to provide all possible facilities for training Syrian students in agricultural universities and technical institutes.

Singh felt there could be greater cooperation between the two countries in areas such as dairy development, post-harvest technology and exchange of technical know-how. India was interested in date palms from Syria, he said.

The sources said Monday's discussions between the two ministers were preliminary in nature and detailed talks on prospects of increased agriculture cooperation would take place here Friday next.

U.S. firms to take part in MECOM 83

MANAMA, Feb. 1 (SP) — Over 20 American firms will be participating in the U.S. exhibition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce at MECOM 83 — the Middle East Communications Exhibition being held Feb. 7-10, at the Bahrain Exhibition Center, according to an American Embassy press release here.

These companies will be exhibiting and featuring a broad spectrum of communications equipment. Products being displayed include: Microwave equipment, security equipment, VHF and UHF radio equipment, radio telephones (cordless telephones), indoor and outdoor public telephone enclosures, telephones, reel handling equipment, maintenance and repair equipment, industrial batteries, monitors, scanners and many more items.

Over half of the U.S. firms are exploring the market in this area for the first time. There are a total of 17 firms seeking representation either through agents or distributors.

Argentina records \$ 2.1b trade gain

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 1 (R) — Argentina's trade surplus in the first 10 months of 1984 was \$2.1 billion, on import of 4.43 billion and exports of 6.54 billion, Economy Ministry figures show.

This compares with a deficit of \$20 million on imports of \$8.18 billion and exports of \$8.16 billion in the same period of 1981. The ministry gave no breakdown of imports and exports for individual months.

Top U.S. firm cuts oil price by \$1 a barrel

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP) — Gulf Oil Corp. said it will reduce the price it offers for domestic crude oil by \$1 a barrel starting Tuesday. The reduction is the first among U.S. refiners since OPEC failed last week to devise a plan to support its prices.

If other American oil companies follow Gulf's lead, the \$1 a barrel drop in U.S. crude prices would likely lead to lower prices for gasoline and other products made from crude.

The refining arm of Gulf, the sixth-largest U.S. oil company, has notified the U.S. producers from which it buys crude that its offering price will be \$31 a barrel for west Texas intermediate, the bellwether grade for U.S. crude.

Industry analysts believe that the persistent oversupply of crude oil around the world will force most oil-producing countries to cut prices at least \$1 a barrel soon.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which currently sells about 35 percent of the crude oil on world markets, failed last week at an emergency meeting to adopt a strategy for supporting its oil price. OPEC's reference price is \$34 a barrel.

On completing 3 years Turkey's economic recovery plan reviewed

ANKARA, Feb. 1 (AP) — Turkey's economic recovery program celebrated its third birthday last week, the event sparking a lively debate on its merits and shortcomings.

For its supporters, the program has been nothing short of miraculous, having rescued this NATO-member nation from financial bankruptcy.

They point out that at a time of global financial crisis, with Brazil, Mexico, Poland and others scrambling to rollover billions in foreign debts they are unable to service, Turkey paid back loans totaling \$3.5 billion in 1981 and \$2.2 billion last year without asking for any new postponements.

Opponents of the program charge that the social costs have been too high and prospects for future economic growth are bleak.

Turkey's military rulers have declared their determination to continue with the stability package, first introduced in January 1980 by former Premier Suleyman Demirel.

In the traditional Turkish style, the program was launched with a 33 percent devaluation of the lira against the dollar. Afterward, the lira kept losing in value under a

sliding scale devaluation system, rendering exports more competitive and imports more costly.

Through a series of measures stretching into June that year, prices of state produced goods were raised, interest rates were set free, extensive incentives for exporters went into force.

It followed the classic International Monetary Fund recipe to the letter. The fight against inflation and for a better balance of payments sheet assumed dominance over other economic and social considerations.

In that harsh winter of 1979-80, inflation was raging at 107 percent, production had come to a standstill because of severe energy and foreign exchange restraints. Turkey barely escaped defaulting on foreign debts totaling \$15 billion, half of them short term. People suffered shortages of goods from fuel oil to vegetable oil.

Some called the program a "wild gamble". Others said Demirel was committing "political suicide". Turkey's military rulers retained Demirel's top technocrat, Turgut Ozal, as deputy premier in charge of economic affairs. They banned strikes and collective bargaining, regulating wage

increases from the top according to how much the economy could bear.

Politically motivated state investments without sufficient economic feasibility were shelved. Budget deficits were trimmed. As a result, the three-digit inflation rate plunged to 37 percent in 1981 and an estimated 34 percent last year. Exports boomed, going up by 62 percent in 1981 and by 25 percent in 1982. The trade deficit sank from \$5 billion in 1980 to \$2.4 billion in 1982.

An abundance of goods flooded the market while domestic demand shrank and savings rose. Bank deposits quintupled in the last three years. The economic growth rate, negative in recent years, was fueled by exports and reached 4.4 percent in 1982 and was expected to rise to 4.8 percent this year.

On the negative side, unemployment, already a chronic problem in Turkey, reached a record level of 25 percent. Real wages dropped by 50 percent in the last four years, labor experts say.

There has been virtually no investment by the private sector since 1977 and investments are unlikely to pick up in the next year or two because of high cost of credits, industry sources claim.

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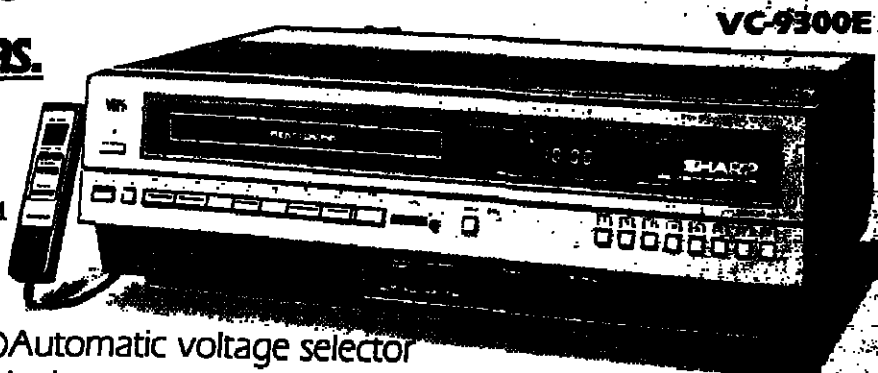
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OPEC cut hinted at

Russia trims oil price by \$ 2.15

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has cut the price of its oil by \$2.15 a barrel to \$29.35, the first country to make such a move officially since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ministerial meeting at Geneva eight days ago, informed oil sources said here Tuesday.

Observers said that the Soviet move was bound to add to the mounting pressure on other oil producers to cut their prices. They predicted that it could act as a pretext for some countries to cut prices, and that Egypt would probably be next, particularly since Cairo has finally revised its price monthly according to supply and demand.

OPEC may hold talks in Caracas

VIENNA, Feb. 1 (AP) — Some of OPEC's 13 oil ministers may travel to Caracas, Venezuela, next week for informal talks on ways to strengthen unity, the OPECNA said Monday.

The group's official news agency quoted Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti as saying some ministers are "likely" to be discussing OPEC's failure to reach agreement at its recent meeting in Geneva.

Calderon also told a press conference in Caracas that OPEC may call another full ministerial session "in the coming weeks," OPECNA reported.

At its Geneva meeting earlier this month the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries failed for the third time in six months to reach agreement on ways of reacting to glutted worldwide oil markets.

But the observers said that Moscow was forced to take the lead because it badly needs to boost falling oil revenue so that it can earn foreign currency to pay for imports from the West, particularly of grain.

Even before OPEC's latest abortive meeting, the Soviet Union was having trouble finding buyers for its oil because of falling demand aggravated by the mild European winter weather.

Furthermore, Soviet sales of gas-oil have been hit by competition from the United States, which is usually an importer of gas-oil but which has now been selling relatively cheaply in Europe in order to get rid of its big surplus.

Importers are postponing their oil purchases because they believe that lower official prices have now become inevitable. Deals on the spot (free) market are dwindling daily as demand falls off.

In another development, The Kuwait news agency said Tuesday that the Gulf Arab members of OPEC will "cut \$4 off the price of their crudes within one week from Tuesday" if no OPEC agreement on production and prices is reached by then.

The report, quoting official sources, said this was a joint stand by the four Gulf Arab states of OPEC, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, and their two allies in the regional Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) group, Oman and Bahrain.

It said this position has already been communicated to other members of the 13-nation group.

The Kuwaiti agency's report sharply criticized five OPEC members by name. These were Iran, Venezuela, Nigeria, Libya and Algeria.

It said these states were continuing to "over-produce" and were offering an average discount of at least \$4 per barrel on the price of their crudes. It said the Gulf states were subsequently compelled to "safeguard their national interests, restore equilibrium to the international oil market, and protect their customers."

The Kuwaiti report followed a similar one in the authoritative *Middle East Economic Survey (MEES)* that mentioned a deadline of one month. It also came a few hours after U.S. oil companies began shearing \$1 off the price of American-produced crudes.

Global cereal output soars

ROME, Feb. 1 (AP) — Global output of cereal products reached a record in 1982 but the situation worsened in a number of African countries, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has reported.

World cereal production in 1982 reached 1,544 million metric tons, up by two percent over the 1,515 million tons harvested in 1981, the FAO said in a monthly report. There were increases in output in the United States and Canada, Western and Eastern Europe. Output was also up in the Soviet Union and in Latin America's main producers Brazil and Argentina.

However, production in developing countries as a whole showed only a slight increase

and output in low-income countries with a shortage of food declined slightly. The worst-hit region was Africa where widespread drought caused a serious deterioration in 1982, and was also bad in Asia where rice crops were smaller, the report said.

The situation in the drought-hit African countries was likely to persist in 1983 because of unfavorable weather conditions, the report said.

Cereal production in the low-income food-deficit countries south of the Sahara fell by seven percent in absolute terms and by 10 percent per capita because of declines in production of staple coarse grain crops, the report said. And in 17 African countries harvests were even poorer in 1982 than in 1981 with output falling by 15 percent overall and 17 percent per capita.

Total supplies of cereals for 1982-1983 appeared ample at the world level but this was in sharp contrast to the situation in the less affluent countries, according to the report. Overall demand for cereals was likely to lag for the second straight year because of continuing world recession. As a result, global cereal stocks should rise sharply to a record 329 million tons compared with 278 million tons in 1981-82.

But the distribution of the stocks was expected to be skewed with the bulk of the increase in stocks in the exporting countries and primarily in the United States, the report said.

Imports into developing countries in Asia and Central America were expected to rise this year, but those into Africa would rise only slightly because of the financial difficulties many countries in the region experiencing, according to the report.

Ex-Im Bank lends \$ 700m to Indonesia

JAKARTA, Feb. 1 (AP) — The U.S. Export-Import Bank has offered Indonesia a loan of \$700 million to finance a series of projects, William Draper, president of the bank, said here Tuesday.

Draper told a news conference the bank's current commitments to Indonesia which stood at \$800 million brings the total to \$1.5 billion.

Indonesia, during the U.S. fiscal year ended September 1982, was the Ex-Im Bank's third most active client in terms of loans with about \$400 million to support slightly less than \$600 million in American exports to Indonesia.

The amount represents one-eighth of the Ex-Im Bank's total loans in U.S. fiscal year 1982.

Indonesian sources who declined use of their names said projects supported by the bank include expanding the Cilacap Refinery in central Java, expansion of the Balikpapan Refinery in east Kalimantan, sale of locomotives and the setting up of a nuclear science and engineering center.

Draper said the Ex-Im Bank has a favorable outlook for Indonesian economy "as evidenced by sizable outstanding financing offers."

The offers are to cover the Bintan Island alumina project in Riau Archipelago near Sumatra, diesel engine generating sets for rural electrification, open pit coal mining equipment and cane sugar plant, among others, the sources said.

Japan's jobless rise to 1.35m

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (R) — Japan's unadjusted unemployment rose to 1.35 million in December from 1.34 million in November and 1.19 million a year earlier, the prime minister's office said.

The December figure represented an unadjusted unemployment rate of 2.3 percent, unchanged from November, and compared with 2.1 percent a year earlier, the office said. Seasonally adjusted unemployment in December rose to 1.41 million from 1.37 million in November and up from 1.24 million a year earlier.

This represented an adjusted December unemployment rate of 2.41 percent, up from 2.36 percent in November and from 2.17 percent a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the Labor Ministry announced Tuesday that Japan's seasonally adjusted ratio of job offers to job seekers in December rose to 0.60 from 0.59 in November, and compared with 0.68 a year earlier.

The unadjusted number of job seekers, including those changing jobs, in December totaled 1.64 million up from 1.58 million in November and 1.57 million a year earlier.

U.K.'s new offer to watermen

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP) — Britain's 29,000 striking water and sewerage workers were offered a productivity-related bonus plan Monday that officials of the National Water Council hoped would lure union leaders back to the bargaining table.

As the water and sewer strike entered its second week, another 6,000 households in England and Wales were without running water.

"I am anxious to get the strike stopped as quickly as possible," said Len Hill, chief negotiator for the council. Negotiations with the three water workers' unions broke off last Thursday night.

Hill said the proposals would increase water workers' earnings but did not mean an increase in the council's salary offer. "I've made it clear that there is no extra money this year," he said.

S. Korea's exports decline by 10.8 %

SEOUL, Feb. 1 (AP) — South Korea's commodity exports in January totaled \$1 billion, down 10.8 percent from a year ago's \$1.2 billion, according to preliminary figures announced Tuesday by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Arrivals of letters of credit for export in January were listed at \$1.1 billion, down 8.5 percent from a year earlier.

Ministry officials said the decreases were attributed to a global recession and a growing import restriction move in the world market.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.20	9.14
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.25
Belgian Franc (1,000)		71.40
Canadian Dollar		279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.00	139.65
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	127.00
Egyptian Pound	3.16	3.14
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.75	93.75
French Franc (100)	49.85	49.90
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.25	41.10
Indian Rupee (100)		34.66
Iranian Rial (100)		
Iraqi Dinar		6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.75	24.50
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	14.45
Jordanian Dinar	9.66	9.59
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.85	11.78
Lebanese Lira (100)	88.50	86.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	53.50	54.10
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.72
Philippine Peso (100)		37.00
Pound Sterling	5.30	5.29
Qatari Rial (100)	94.56	94.60
Singapore Dollar (100)		163.30
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		29.42
Swiss Franc (100)	171.50	170.80
Syrian Lira (100)	60.70	61.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.10	75.25

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Dollar's march unchecked

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — The dollar rose sharply on the exchanges on Tuesday to reach record levels against most of the European currencies and the yen. The German mark and the British pound remained under pressure but most attention was also concentrated on the money markets where U.S. dollar interest rates rose by around 1/4 to 1/2 percent in the longer-dated funds. The one-year rate topped the 10 percent level for the first time in the past 6 weeks.

Bullion prices were up sharply Tuesday to trade at record levels, especially with silver standing at \$14.35 an ounce and gold at \$509. Silver's rise has been steady and sharp and it now seems to be pulling gold up along with it rather than the other way around.

Bullion dealers are optimistic that prices will remain at present levels but some volatility could be expected if there are sharp movements on the exchange market. For the time being, bullion dealers are reporting strong buying interest from all over the world.

The trigger for the dollar's sharp rise came in the form of renewed concern over long-term U.S. dollar interest rates after the announcement that the U.S. federal budget deficit would top the \$190 billion level for this fiscal year. With the U.S. administration still trying to control the apparent rise in the money supply, dollar interest rates are expected to be on the upturn again. Thus, money market dealers are switching positions again and the dollar is once again seemingly in demand.

On the exchanges, the British pound fell back to 1.5210 at one stage as rumors of

sharp British North Sea oil cuts spread in the markets. This was denied by the British National Oil Company and sterling steadied at around 1.5290 levels by close of business. Still, the pound is very much influenced by the continuing rumors affecting the oil markets.

In other currency news, the German mark fell back to 2.4800 levels at one stage from 2.4490 on Monday while the Swiss franc was below the 2.00 level to trade at 2.0210 on Tuesday. The fall was expected given the Swiss authorities desire to keep the Swiss currency pegged to the German mark. The French franc fluctuated erratically around the 7.01 level from 6.9400 on Monday and the French central bank had to intervene at one stage to help the national currency. The Japanese yen was also sharply down to 239.00 levels from 237.50 levels on Monday.

On the local markets, rial spot rial/dollar exchange rates were sharply higher at 3.4408-15 levels but later stabilized at around 3.4407-10 levels. Commercial demand was also noticeably up over last week's volumes.

In the money markets, rial deposit rates remained at the 6 - 6 1/4 percent for the short-dated funds and 6 1/2 - 7 1/4 percent for the medium tenors. There was a small jump in the longer-dated funds at 8 1/4 - 9 1/4 percent levels but most dealings concentrated in the very short periods.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	508.50
Paris	510.79
Frankfurt	508.01
Zurich	509.00
Hong Kong	504.61

In field of electronics

U.K. draws U.S. investors

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AFP) — Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia have lost ground to the Philippines, India, Hong Kong and South Korea in the preference list of United States electronics firms wanting to invest abroad, according to a new survey here.

The survey, conducted by the specialist British magazine *Electronics Location File*, showed that 40 percent of U.S. electronics firms were considering foreign investments over the next three years.

The top choice was Britain (chosen first by 27 percent of the firms), followed by West Germany (19.4 percent), Ireland (16.7 percent), and France (11.8 percent). Next were Mexico, Canada, Taiwan (down from 6th to 7th place), the Netherlands, Italy and Japan (down from 9th to 10th place).

But the survey showed that Britain would sink drastically in popularity among potential U.S. investors in the event of the Labour Party coming to power and keeping its promise to withdraw from the European Economic Community.

The magazine said that Asia remained attractive to U.S. electronics firms looking for foreign investments. But it cautioned that Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia were losing popularity to their neighbors in the region.

Gaining fact in popularity last year was France, which rose from seventh to fourth place, mainly because of France's firm stance toward Japanese competition, it said.

The magazine attributed this to France's new-found drive to develop its electronics

industry, to the government's "turn" stance on braking imports from Japan, and to the welcome given by Paris to foreign investors.

The report also noted that the U.S. electronics industry was growing "more militant" toward so-called unfair Japanese trading practices. It added that one of the prime enticements for U.S. industry looking abroad was government policy to "prevent the theft of U.S. technology."

Peking firm's deals touch \$140 m in '82

PEKING, Feb. 1 (R) — The China National Construction Engineering Corporation (CNCEC), which boosts foreign exchange earnings by sending workers abroad, signed contracts worth \$140 million last year, the New China News Agency said Tuesday.

The CNCEC has earned more than \$1.2 billion through overseas contracting since 1979, according to official figures. It pays its workers less than the cost charged to foreign customers.

The CNCEC, China's leading labor export company, provided labor for projects including building factories, apartment blocks, hotels and airports in Libya, North Yemen, Iraq, Hong Kong and Macao, the New China News Agency said.

The corporation also provided labor for Japanese, French, West German, Italian and Spanish companies, it added.

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To emulate Gavaskar

Mudassar blasts masterly ton

KARACHI, Feb. 1 (AFP) — Pakistan opener Mudassar Nazar cracked his third successive hundred in the current series between Pakistan and India, as the sixth and final cricket Test headed toward a likely draw at the National Stadium Tuesday.

By close of play, on the third day of the match, the home team were 269 for two in their first innings, out of which the 27-year-old Mudassar had made an undefeated 109. India scored 393 for eight declared in their first innings.

Pakistan added 244 runs to the overnight score of 25 for no, and lost the wickets of Mohsin Hasan Khan and Javed Miandad, who was out in the second ball of the last over of the day, brilliantly caught by keeper Syed Kirmani off Balwinder Singh Sandhu for 47. Mohsin Hasan Khan scored 91 before getting out leg before to Kapil Dev about 44 mins after lunch. Wednesday is a rest day and in the remaining two days of the match a result looks highly unlikely unless India col-

lapse in their second innings. Pakistan are still 124 runs away from the Indian total.

Mudassar took all the honors Tuesday. His century brought him level with Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar for scoring four centuries in a Test series. Sunil's quartet came in the 1971-72 series against West Indies in West Indies. Mudassar scored 119 in the second Test at Karachi, 231 in the fourth Test at Hyderabad and 152 not out in the fifth Test.

He also established a new aggregate record for a Test series when he reached twenty, eclipsing Hanif Muhammad's Pakistan record of 628 runs in a series established in the 1956-57 series in the West Indies. With his unbeaten 109 he has an aggregate of 724 runs.

Finally, the Pakistanis have now scored 12 centuries in the current series equalling the Australian record set in the 1967-68 tour of the West Indies.

Luck deserted Mudassar's opening partner, Mohsin Hasan Khan when he was out

lbw to Kapil Dev nine short of his hundred. He hit 12 fours in an innings lasting 179 minutes and faced 130 balls.

Sunil Gavaskar could not take the field because of a stiff neck and it was all-rounder Kapil Dev who assumed the captaincy. Among the bowlers used by the Indians, only Kapil Dev was expensive. The rest contained the run scoring, but could not prevent Pakistan gaining the upper hand. Young spinner Maninder Singh was the most impressive.

The new ball was taken right at the end of the day and brought an immediate breakthrough for the Indians. Keeper Syed Kirmani took a brilliant catch to dismiss Javed off Balwinder Sandhu's bowling, with Javed three short of his half century.

The placid Karachi wicket played true right through, but the batsmen failed to force the pace. Pakistan can, however, dictate the pace as they have already bagged the series by a 3-0 margin. The first and the fifth Test ended in a draw.



Mudassar... unbeaten 109

Score-board	
India (1st innings):	393 (for 8 decl.)
Pakistan (1st innings):	
M. Khan lbw Kapil Dev.	91
M. Nazar batting	109
J. Miandad c Kirmani b Sandhu	47
Extras:	22
Total (for 2 wickets)	269
Fall of wickets:	1-157, 2-269.
Bowling:	Kapil Dev 21-3-81-1; Sandhu 15.2-2-40-1; Sechar 14-1-43-0; Maninder 16-3-49-0; Shastri 11-0-34-0.

Murphy marked by A's for ribbing

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Feb. 1 — Dwayne Murphy's new \$3.3 million contract with the Oakland A's recently sparked some humor from fellow teammates after an informal team workout.

"The armored truck is here to take you home," teammate Steve McCatty told Murphy, who hit 27 homers and drove in 94 runs last year, signed a four-year pact with the club. The contract also contains an option for two additional years.

"I've got a no-trade clause in the contract, and that's a good feeling after all the talk I've heard about getting traded," Murphy says. "This is where I want to play."

In other baseball news, relief pitcher Bill Caudill has reached an agreement with the Seattle Mariners which will reportedly give him the richest one-year contract in the team's history.

The pact, not expected to be signed for several days, would give Caudill a base salary of \$300,000 and would include incentives for appearances and awards that could add \$200,000.

Although he ranked as the second-leading reliever in the American League last year, winning 12 games and saving 26, Caudill only earned \$130,000 while appearing in 70 games.

Over holding Cup tie on Saturday

Tottenham get their way

LONDON, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Tottenham Hotspur have refused to defend the English F.A. Cup on a Sunday and presented Liverpool — and opponents Brighton — with the chance of a bumper Sunday pay-day.

With both Merseyside giants drawn at home in the fifth round — "Spurs", away to Everton, travel outside London for the first time in seventeen years. Everton, who last Sunday had 35,000 plus for the fourth round visit of Second Division Shrewsbury Town, were ready to repeat the experiment on Feb. 20. However, the Cup holders threw a spanner in the Goodison Park plans, manager Keith Burkinshaw insisting: "We want to play on Saturday."

That put the pressure on Liverpool — they are unbeaten at home in the Cup since 1969 — to agree to their first Sunday fixture in bid to avoid a potential crowd explosion — and make the most of a home F.A. Cup game.

Opponents Brighton — caretaker-manager Jimmy Melia is a former Arsenal "old boy" — immediately agreed to the change. Melia could not have cared had the match been arranged for a rainy Tuesday afternoon. "What a draw. It's unbelievable. Just like a dream," he said.

Meanwhile, the violence on the field which marred European Supercup clash between Aston Villa of England and Barcelona of Spain are to be examined by the European Football Union (UEFA) disciplinary committee at Zurich on Feb. 11.

English Second Division soccer club Derby must pay a 100,000 sterling (\$15,400) fine for "coaching" another club's manager, a football league board of appeal ruled. The board upheld the fine, imposed last November by

the football league, after deciding that Derby had breached two league rules in cutting Roy McFarland, a former Derby defender, to join them from Fourth Division Bradford City.

And the league secretary Graham Kelly also warned Derby, who later this week face a Football Association enquiry into crowd trouble at their ground, that they could be forced to pay compensation to Bradford. Derby's chairman Mike Watterson said he would continue to fight the fine. "I am stunned by this decision. It is one thing on top of another at the moment," he said.

In Rio de Janeiro, former world champions Flamengo were booted off the field by their own fans after they were held to a 1-1 draw by an obscure and distant side called Moto Clube in the Brazilian Soccer Championship. Moto traveled nearly 2,500 km (1,500 miles) from their northeastern seaport home of San Luis to Rio's mighty Maracana Stadium and would have emerged with a famous victory but for World Cup star Zico. Zico hit a brilliant 38th minute free-kick into the top corner of the net to save Flamengo's face.

Sao Paulo state champions Corinthians suffered an even bigger upset against another unnamed northeastern club, losing 2-1 to Tiradentes in Teresina. A penalty from World Cup captain Socrates was not enough to salvage a point for Corinthians, who are among the title favorites.

Titia, swapped by Flamengo for Grêmio's Baltasar, initiated Baltasar by scoring for his new club in his opening game. Titia headed the first goal in Grêmio's 2-0 win over Ponte Preta.

Wood recalled to Aussies squad for WSC

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 1 (AP) — Despite a series of demands for his sacking in newspapers across the country, Kim Hughes remained as Australian cricket captain for next Sunday's vital match against New Zealand in Perth.

But, when the World Series Cricket Cup squad was chosen Tuesday, opening batsmen John Dyson and Kepler Wessels, as well as Queensland pacerman John Maguire, were not so lucky. They were dropped after the Australian team's dismal performances when beaten by England and New Zealand in

Adelaide over the weekend.

Their replacements in the 13-man squad are NSW opener, Steve Smith, and West Australian batsman, Graeme Wood. Hughes was picked again as skipper, but his last throw of the dice could be on Sunday. Unless Australia can complete another form reversal and beat New Zealand in Perth, Hughes' reign as Australian skipper could be short.

He does not seem the same player when leading the side and from eight innings in the Cup series, has scored only 36 runs. The general feeling among cricket experts was that

Dyson was axed following his slow scoring in both Adelaide matches. But Wessels played in only Sunday's match and came in at No. 7 when Australia required about eight runs per over for victory.

The former South African can count himself a little unlucky after at one stage heading Australia's WSC aggregate, but his omission may be a blessing in disguise for him. He does not have to be a member of an Australian side which is an odds-on chance to be eliminated from the final of a series which three weeks ago they were at unbackable odds to win.

Australia's hopes of reaching the final are now dependent on New Zealand beating England in Perth on Saturday and then losing to Australia on Sunday. On the form displayed in Adelaide, the first part of that equation is a distinct possibility.

But the second part is little more than a forlorn hope. Dennis Lillee, 12th man against New Zealand in the last tie, after being caned for 50 runs from his ten overs against England on Sunday, was included in the squad and could play if the selectors decide to take a chance with Greg Chappell as the fifth bowler.

That would mean the omission of both left-arm spinner Tom Hogan and fellow-West Australian, all-rounder Ken Macleay. The selectors chose an informal player in dashing NSW opener Smith and he seems certain to partner Allan Border at the top of the innings. Smith made 119 against Queensland in Brisbane earlier this month and in his following innings slammed a magnificent 263 against Victoria at the MCG last weekend.

The selectors also resurrected West Australian Graeme Wood, a specialist opener, but he is likely to bat at No. 6 against the Kiwis.

JCC scores exciting victory

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) pulled a rabbit out of the hat in the Alhuseini BMW Cricket League last weekend. They powered past fancied Abdullah Hashim in a nailbiting finish in a match where fortunes fluctuated right through.

Abdullah Hashim, batting first, were rocked by Farouq with the very first delivery of the match. They, however, recovered partially from the early shock with Asad Ali Khan (18) and Saudagar (44) adding 50 runs for the second-wicket.

And just when Abdullah Hashim's fortunes were on the upswing, JCC broke through. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals thereafter except for a brief resistance from Zahid Ali Khan (30) and Fazal Sheikh (20) enabling Abdullah Hashim pile up a modest 175.

JCC began the chase in earnest and were set on the path of victory by a blistering 56 from Farouq. Farouq cut and drove elegantly and raced to his half century with two sides

and four hits to the fence. But Abdullah Hashim kept a slender grip on the game with some superb fielding to restrict the JCC rate. JCC had to get 32 in their last four overs from their prescribed quantum and the atmosphere was charged with anticipation.

The fielding, which till then was tidy, came apart under pressure. And the batsmen, Mustafa Jan (13) and Khalid (23), made the most of it. They employed the long handle with gay abandon and saw JCC home and dry.

In the other contest, Saudi British Bank registered a fluent five wickets triumph over AQLS. A splendid six for 12 burst by Irfan tore AQLS' middle to shreds and spinner T. Growing pitched in with two wickets as AQLS were shot out for a paltry 41, the lowest score of the league.

But the Bankmen suffered some anxious moment before overhauling their opponents. Rashid (three for 22) and Shoukat (two for eight) were the bowlers who caused the Bankmen some palpitations. But the total was too small for the bowlers to really make a match of it.



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Qualifications: Master or B.A. with practical experience in the relevant field for 7 years and 10 years respectively. Excellent in Arabic with a good command of English and/or French.

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Last date of receiving applications will be March 15, 1983.

Knicks thrash Kings

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP) — Truck Robinson and Paul Westphal scored eight points apiece and Louis Orr notched seven during a 25-6 third-quarter burst that lifted the New York Knicks to a 114-97 National Basketball Association victory over the Kansas City Kings Monday night. In the only other NBA game, Boston beat Chicago 110-104.

The nine-and-one-half-minute burst by the Knicks in the third quarter turned a four-point halftime lead to a 77-54 advantage. The defeat was Kansas City's sixth straight and ninth in a row on the road.

Robinson led the Knicks with 21 points in the game, while Orr had 20. Westphal 18 and Bill Cartwright 18. The Kings, who got no closer than 16 points after the Knicks rally, were led by Ray Williams with 18 points and Eddie Johnson with 16. The Knicks led 52-48 after a tightly contested first half that had 13 lead changes and seven ties.

In Hartford, Connecticut, Robert Parish had 30 points and 16 rebounds and Larry Bird added 27 points to lead Boston past Chicago.



ICING THE CAKE: Washington Redskins' Charlie Brown (87) applies the icing on his side's 27-17 Super Bowl victory over Miami Dolphins with the final touchdown of the contest at Pasadena, Florida. Brown's touchdown, off a Joe Theismann pass, came in the wake of a thundering burst by John Riggins, who put Redskins on the victory road. Alvin Garrett (89), who had scored on a Theismann pass earlier, gives vent to his feelings after Brown's effort.

Alsalam Meridien Vets steal the show

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — In the Jeddah Slow Pitch Softball League it was a week of some ups, some downs, some ups and downs and some that were simply weird.

Taking it from the top — the barely league leading "A" Division Alsalam Meridien Vets best fit the opening line. When they are good, they are very, very good and when they are bad, they are awful. Example; they annihilated those ersatzers on the blackboard of life, the Pratt & Whitney Eagles, 18-1. The same night they blanked the memory core of a credible Mobile team, 12-2.

This game saw the home run twins Jack Graham and Pete "Smasher" Bauers do their thing repeatedly. They were assisted in their efforts when Joe Scheibler smacked one out. In fact, the Vets hit 8 home runs in those two games. Pitcher Jim Heart threw better than he has in a long time and actually went "error free" in both games snagging a number of line shots.

Other Vet standouts included catcher Rolin Copelan, who did very well despite his grumpy attitude as a result of trout season opening up. Clarence "Rodan" Gandy at first base, Gabe "Space Pilot" Chiroux at third, along with Corky Muller, Bob Hovey and Joe "Early Again" Marott.

However, a few nights later, they lost to Raytheon R&R by a score of 4-3 on their ability to manage the home run with only three hits!!! True, it was no cold, the pitcher was frozen to the fire hydrant, but three hits? Paul Mangione did not know how to act he was so thrilled. But they had a change of attitude and direction after some soul searching and round table discussions then proceeded to do things to Parsons Daniels by an undercover score of 15-1. A real fun game it was with the Parsons bench sounding like the sound track from the movie "Texas Chainsaw Murders." (The pitching and defense of the Vets combined in these 4 games to allow a total of 8 runs).

Other "A" class action witnessed the Killer Bees managing to hold on for an 8-7 win over Raytheon ADI. The Raytheon team had the Bees biting their balmy babushkas in a very worried state until the "Killers" were able to pull it out in the late innings despite a miscue

or two behind the plate by their on-again, off-again catcher, Ron Klein.

The Pratt & Whitney Eagles also lost a squeaker to Andy McGrath and his friends from Pan Am by a score of 4-2. The happy-go-lucky "guys" from Lockheed I celebrated with Perrier and more tiny bubbles than a Don Ho medley when they ravaged, pillaged and razed PCS, 24-1. (Jack Lee Martin was not seen at the celebration as his Mr. Peanut outfit was at the cleaners).

In a game rife with good plays, bad plays, funny plays, sad plays and absolutely mystical, mind-boggling plays, the BD All Stars were barely able to hold on to an 11-10 edge over Mobil. For BD, Larry Mertoyter tried his hand at pitching that looked more like a foot as he walked most of the Mobil team in the first two innings.

In defense of Mertoyter, regular pitcher Mike Padgett was out of the game with a back injury suffered when Mike was struck in the back area by a wild, run away sun beam, therefore, Larry Garmely attempted to supply his team with a pitcher. (And his pitching was a little gamey).

Position hold ups were in evidence however as Steve Gilmore returned to short stop duties and rangy Les Williams was cheered on by his off the wall hero worshippers. The top of the fifth saw Mobil leading 10-6. BD at bat, bases loaded, two out when a dropped fly ball in the Mobil outfield allowed all three runners to score. Another Mobil error saw a fourth run score to tie things up. Although Mobil bright spots in the form of first baseman Hayes and short stop Mike Bray were responsible for a number of excellent plays, they were unable to shore up the defense single-handedly. As for their offense, Mobil had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, and last inning, with one out and trailing 10-11 when a minor infield pop up accounted for the second out. On their last opportunity to tie and or win, the Mobil hitter punched what was clearly a ball (versus a strike) into the waiting arms of Les Williams for the final out.

On the BD side of things, some fine defensive plays by catcher Gary Worst accounted for a number of outs as it looked like he was diving in from Cleveland to catch behind the plate pop-ups. At the plate, "Humongous"

Fred Casey, stepped up, wound up and wiffed a shot that nearly had him called out for attempting an illegal bunt. Other prominent BD'ers were Randy Vincent and Al Okander, who possess two of the most exceptional running styles in the league. Randy, while in flight, resembles a prancing Tennessee walking horse in grace and exactness of foot. While Al looks like a food blender trying to liquify ping pong balls. Effective, but different. Glenn Groom was in the stands for this game with his friend Spuds Spumonte and asked me to mention him in my column).

In the "B" Division, Sogex came back from last week's humiliating defeat at the hands of Whittaker to beat Pan Am 10-5 and the Corp of Engineers 5-4. In the "Battle of the Basement", ICAC put a on MOFCI 15-0, and put Bendix deeper in the shadows 20-5. ICAC is coming back strong with the help of Paul LeBuff and coach Joe "Isn't That Strange".

Lockheed II discovered what it was like to win again by taking their turn at bouncing Bendix, 20-16. But, Raytheon ADI burst their short-lived balloon by downing them 16-6. DATAC was barely able to eek out a victory over Whittaker 11-10 in nine innings.

In the Wadi Division, Safeway Truly Fine continue to roll as they cuffed Whittaker's (W) carrot 30-2 and spread out the Hyatt Touch of Class crew 15-5. Touch of Class put away Mobil (W) in a game that saw Jackie Luce continue in great form, 15-5. The Mobil (W) group returned later in the week to stem their losing ways at the expense of the Corp of Engineers (W) by roughing them up 15-2. More next week.

How they stand									
"A" Division					"B" Division				
Team	W	L	RF	RA	Team	W	L	RF	RA
Meridien Vets	12	5	196	89	Raytheon R&R	12	2	151	88
Killer Bees	14	6	205	95	Corp of Eng'r	11	6	167	108
Lockheed I	14	6	168	100	Sogex	9	5	128	116
BD All Stars	10	8	146	122	ICAC	7	5	160	90
Pratt/Whitney Eagles	2	20	87	292	Pan Am	7	6	132	123
					Whittaker	2	11	89	145
					MOFCI	1	12	63	200
Caval League					Wadi Division				
Team	W	L	RF	RA	Team	W	L	RF	RA
Raytheon ADI	13	3	193	117	Safeway Truly Fine	14	2	237	51
Mobil	9	5	168	121	Blue Angels	13	3	114	68
Parsons Daniels	8	6	145	112	Hyatt Touch of Class	10	6	161	98
KAJA	7	6	142	103	Mobil (W)	6	10	117	193
Lockheed II	6	8	191	154	Corp of Eng'r (W)	5	11	114	175
PCS	6	11	95	189	Whittaker (W)	0	16	29	287
DATAC	4	13	127	222					
Bendix	3	16	151	230					

Bowl of success binds one & all in Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Washingtonians enjoyed a rare moment of harmony Monday as they basked in the glow of the Redskins' triumph over the Miami Dolphins in Sunday's Super Bowl American football game.

Euphoria, warmth and goodwill spread through a city long hardened to perennial political strife and, at this time of year, wintry winds and freezing temperatures. Redskins pennants were draped from buildings and signs plastered restaurant windows in tribute to the beefy heroes of Washington's offensive line.

Mothers let their children go to school in Redskins' T-shirts, and the first question of cab drivers to their passengers was: Did you see the game? Everywhere, Washingtonians clung to the feeling of unity which developed when the Redskins won two straight playoff games and then American football's biggest match, the Super Bowl, in Pasadena, California, 27-17.

Even outgoing Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis joined the jubilation when, at a news briefing on the administration's 1984 budget, he noted that his display charts were painted in the Redskins' burgundy and gold colors.

The city's two main newspapers, *The Post* and *Times*, both made the Super Bowl victory

their top front-page stories. *The Times* carried a burgundy-and-gold banner headline proclaiming: "Hail Redskins". The usually more decorous *Post* headlined: "Redskins. Riggins of it all, 27-17." The lead editorial in *The Post* commented: "This is the week to celebrate not only what they did unto others, but also what they did for this community. Thanks — we needed that."

Meanwhile, Sonny Jurgensen, the most efficient passer in American Pro Football history, and Bobby Mitchell, one of the game's leading ground-gainers, will be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer.

The two former Washington Redskins stars will join three other immortals, to be announced Saturday night, in 1983 induction ceremonies July 30. Jurgensen, with a passing rating of 82.8, ranks in the all-time top 20 in completions, attempts, yardage and touchdowns passing.

The Duke University product, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, completed 2,433 of 4,262 passes for 32,224 yards and 255 touchdowns in 215 games spread over 18 seasons. He spent his first seven years with the Philadelphia Eagles and played the last 11 with the Redskins, retiring after the 1974 season. The fourth-round draft choice won National Football League passing titles in 1967 and 1969 with the Redskins.

Salazar runs into bribe row

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AFP) — Alberto Salazar, the Cuban-born American world Marathon record holder, is at the center of another controversy.

Salazar, 24, three-times winner of the New York Marathon, has accused two leading officials of the United States athletics governing body, the Track and Field Athletics Congress (TAC), of offering him between \$50,000 to run in the Los Angeles Marathon on May 14.

He claims he heard of the offer through his trainer Bill Dellinger, who told him that the executive director of the congress Ollan Cassell and the federation's lawyer Alvin Chriss, who is also responsible for the TAC athletes' earnings fund, was ready to offer him a substantial sum to race in Los Angeles.

Salazar said: "they were willing to pay me \$50,000 to \$60,000 to run in the Los Angeles Marathon, they were trying to bribe me. They are trying to ruin my reputation." Dellinger is abroad and unavailable for comment.

"This is absolutely untrue," Cassell said. "I've never spoken to Salazar in person or on the telephone. Likewise, no members of

the TAC staff have ever made such a proposal, either to Salazar or any of his coaches or representatives."

Salazar has frequently been the center of allegations that he has been paid substantial appearance money. He allegedly collected \$18,000 for his third New York Marathon victory last October, and will reportedly pick up \$8,000 for running the 5,000 meters at an indoor meeting at Toronto in Canada this Friday, as well as a further \$9,000 for another 5,000 meters race in East Rutherford, New Jersey on Feb. 12.

Last month he was heavily criticized by the TAC for accepting a "lucrative offer" to race in Brisbane in April on the same day that of the Boston Marathon, a qualifying event for the World Cup in Helsinki in October, is due to take place.

Salazar's request for permission to be exempted from the Boston race was refused, but he is likely to go to Brisbane anyway, where he would be up against his chief rival, Australian Robert de Castella, in a race reportedly worth \$90,000 in prize money, of which \$30,000 will go to the winner.

Widdecombe may don English rugby colors

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AFP) — Unknown Newport lock John Widdecombe has emerged as a surprise contender to play for England against Wales in the Five Nations Rugby Union in Cardiff on Saturday.

The 6ft-4in, 17-stone Devonian, called into

training session at Stourbridge, could replace New cap Steve Boyle if the Gloucester lock fails a fitness test on Thursday. Boyle, who aggravated an ankle injury in the County Championship final Saturday, was hobbling and the bearded Widdecombe took a full part in the run-out.

England are also delaying decisions on Leicester pair Clive Woodward and Peter Wheller until the last possible moment. Center Woodward still shows signs of being troubled by his shoulder, while hooker Wheeler has been advised to rest his damaged ankle another 48 hours at least.

McNamee falls at the first hurdle

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Feb. 1 (AP) — Australia's Paul McNamee and Chris Lewis of New Zealand were among the foreign contenders eliminated in the opening round of the \$375,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championships Monday.

Mike Depalmer knocked McNamee out of the week-long competition 7-6, 6-1, and Lewis was defeated by Mark Dickson 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. In other matches, Eric Fromm beat Anders Jarryd of Sweden, 7-6, 7-6, and Australia's David Carter defeated Tony Giammalva 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

All 16 seeded players, including defending champion John McEnroe and second-seeded Ivan Lendl, have first-round byes. The pro indoor, offering \$60,000 to the winner, is the first event in the 84-tournament Grand Prix series this year.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe, the world's No. 1 ranked player, will lead the U.S. Davis Cup team in its first round match against Argentina, March 4-6.

Arthur Ashe, captain of the U.S. team, said Monday the squad will also include Gene Mayer, Eliot Teltscher and Peter Fleming. The same players captured the 1982 Davis Cup by defeating France in the final. The U.S.-Argentina match will be played on clay in Buenos Aires. The Argentine team is expected to be Guillermo Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc.

In Caracas, Venezuela, Sam Giammalva of the U.S. and Ricardo Acuna of Chile Monday won matches in the opening day of the Cacharel Open Tournament. Giammalva defeated Louis Correau, of France 6-1, 6-2. Acuna beat American Charles Strode 6-3, 7-6. Earlier in the day, Morris Strode defeated Venezuelan Sergio Speciale 6-3, 6-4.

In late matches, Stephan Simonson, of Sweden, beat American Rocky Rojers, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, and David Dawlan, also of the U.S. beat countryman Jimmy Gurfein 6-4, 6-4.

Eleventh-seeded Kathy Jordan of the U.S. defeated Corinne Vanier of France 6-1, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$150,000, Murjanji Cup Tournament, while Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa rallied to beat Australian Dianne Fromholtz 1-6, 7-6, 6-4, — 7-2 in tiebreaker — to advance into the next round. Earlier in the day, Terry Phelps, a 16-year-old qualifier, stunned 14th-seeded Catherine Tanvier of France 6-1, 6-0.

Phelps, America's No. 3 ranked 16-year-old and under junior player and an amateur, beat the 17-year-old Tanvier. France's best woman player and ranked 24th in the world, with devastating ground strokes that won her the last 10 games.

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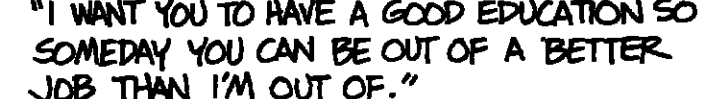
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He won the heart lead with the ace, ruffed a heart, cashed the A-K-Q of diamonds on which he discarded the J-6 of clubs, then ruffed a club, a heart, a club and a heart.

By this time nine tricks had been played and South had won them all. The lead was in dummy and South's last four cards were the A-K-J-8 of spades. West's four cards were the Q-10-9-7 of spades.

Declarer led a club from dummy and ruffed with the eight. West overruffed with the nine but had to surrender the last three tricks.

Strangely enough, even four spades could have been stop-

This extraordinary deal was played in the match between Poland and Iceland during the 1963 European championship. When the Polish team held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown. Obviously something went wrong with the bidding, since the Poles got to a slam with two club losers as well as the possibility

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ARIES ♈
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
You'll be able to solidify relationship today, but others are not likely to fulfill promises. A higher-up may be touchy.

TAURUS ♉
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
On the job you'll meet with opportunity, but you're inclined to goof off. Accept a social invitation to visit old friends.


GEMINI ♊
(May 21 to June 20)
If you're not already in a relationship, you may find a new one today. If you are, you may find a new spark.


You may be asked to return a favor. The pursuit of good times could cause you to overdo or to be careless about obligations.


CANCER
(June 21 to July 22) 
A family member may be out of sorts. Don't quibble with others about small matters. Know when to speak and when to hold your tongue.


LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22) 


You tend to boastfulness and could alienate a friend. Be sure to keep appointments, for others do not like to be kept waiting.


VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) 
Money may come in and go out. You may go overboard on spending when shopping. Be more attentive about household tasks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) 
Keep long-range security goals in mind. Conservative tactics bring monetary gain. Don't waste time.


SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) 
In love you're loyal, but in financial affairs you tend to irresponsibility today. Don't be careless with belongings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) 


Socially you're quite active, but you may be negligent in keeping some appointments. A private meeting with a loved one pleases you. 

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) 

Even though a career proposal looks good, take time to review details. A confidential tip about business may be inaccurate.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) 

Students need self-discipline to keep up with assignments. A social connection helps out careerwise, although some friends exaggerate.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) 

An old friend at a distance wants to hear from you. Avoid extravagant career steps. Be close-mouthed about business at present.

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As fighting continues

Thai government warns Vietnamese

BANGKOK, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Fighting between Vietnamese-led troops and Cambodian resistance fighters continued Tuesday while the Thai government warned Vietnam not to intrude into Thai territory.

The Thai Foreign Ministry said the government hoped that Vietnamese forces in Cambodia would not further aggravate the present situation. Commenting on cross-border shelling Monday into Thai territory, in which a Thai villager was killed and two others wounded during a clash between Vietnamese troops and Cambodian fighters, it said the Thai government would "not remain indifferent and will undertake appropriate measures" to safeguard its territorial integrity.

Three persons, including a Thai, were killed and about 70 wounded during a day-long battle Monday near the Thai-Cambodian border. It was the first major showdown between Vietnamese troops and fighters loyal to Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front since the latter was ousted from the strategic Cambodian village of Yeang Daengkum Jan. 16.

The ministry also called the Vietnamese attack which led to the burning of refugee camps, a hospital and houses along the border, built by international relief organizations, a flagrant violation of the principles of humanitarianism and the United Nations Charter. It charged that the attack was "totally inconsistent" with

12 die in Taipei fire

TAIPEI, Feb. 1 (AP) — Fire swept through a downtown area early Tuesday morning, killing 12 persons in two four-story houses and injuring 21 others, the Taipei fire department reported.

An official said it took almost two hours to put out the blaze whose cause had yet to be determined. Of the 21 injured, four were in a local hospital after emergency treatment for severe burns, an attending doctor at the hospital said.

Jakarta Muslim leader escapes

JAKARTA, Feb. 1 (AP) — A 32-year old Muslim leader found guilty of allegedly subversive activities and condemned to death by the Jakarta District Court has escaped and fled the country, authoritative sources said Tuesday.

Imran Bin Muhammad Zein escaped from the Jakarta Guntur Prison by sawing off the iron bars of his prison cell six days ago, said sources who declined to be identified. Imran was helped by several prison officials and four civilians, the sources said. One of the civilians arrested made a full confession to military interrogators, they said, while others added that Imran was believed to have fled the country with the help of some government officials.

Vietnam's pledge to withdraw its troops from Cambodia and negotiate a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Vietnam has maintained between 150,000 to 180,000 troops in Cambodia since it invaded the country four years ago. Meanwhile, Thai officials at the border said fighting continued Tuesday afternoon near Nong Chan border encampment, 30 kilometers north of the key Cambodian border town of Poipet. Some five artillery shells fell into Thai territory but no casualties were reported, officials said.

About 30,000 Cambodian civilians whose border encampment was razed by Vietnamese troops Monday were given temporary shelter by Thai authorities inside Thailand, about one kilometer from the border, officials said.

Meanwhile, international aid workers rushed in emergency supplies and searched for the dead and wounded Tuesday at the Cambodian border encampment, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said. "The fighting was extremely serious. Shells and bullets were flying all over," the spokesman said, describing fighting at Nong Chan, one of several Cambodian camps along the Thai-Cambodian border. Military officers at the key border town of Aranyaprathet said late Monday that the Nong Chan population had fled into Thailand, but the Red Cross spokesman said the Cambodians were not being allowed to enter Thai territory.

The Thai military was reportedly preventing the Cambodians from crossing over an anti-tank ditch near the Thai frontier. The spokesman said 38 Cambodians were evacuated Monday for medical treatment to the nearby refugee camp of Khao I Dang, on Thai territory. Casualties, however, were expected to be higher.

The taking of Nong Chan was the most dramatic move by the Vietnamese in their recent stepped-up campaign against Cambodian resistance groups along the Thai-Cambodian border.

Indonesian authorities refused to comment on the incident and the national press was warned not to publish the story. Imran was sentenced to death by the Jakarta court in March last year for masterminding an attack on a police station in West Java in which three policemen were killed. He was also charged with directing the hijacking of an Indonesian domestic airliner to Bangkok in 1981. He had appealed to a higher court and was awaiting the decision.

Imran was a leader of a small movement known as "Komando Jihad" which allegedly wanted to turn Indonesia into an Islamic state. Imran was to have been a key witness at the trial of one of his arrested colleagues, still in progress in Bandung, West Java.



PRISON GUARD SHOT: Picture shows the body of Nicandro Izco, 38, a prison guard of Poggioreale Prison, lying in a street downtown Naples Monday after he was shot dead by unidentified gunmen.

By Italian bandits

Industrialist's son kidnapped

BAGNI DI TIVOLI, Italy, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Bandits forced the car of a wealthy industrialist's son off the road and kidnapped the 23-year-old student, police said Tuesday.

They said Fabrizio Mariotti had been missing since 10:30 p.m. (2130 GMT) Monday when his over-turned and abandoned Fiat car was found near his home in this town just outside Rome. Police said they searched all the local hospitals for Mariotti because they first thought he had met with an accident. But when the search produced no results, the police said they

were convinced Mariotti had been abducted. There were no immediate reports of ransom demands, they said.

Meanwhile, in Reggio Emilia, Italy, a Communist university professor who had been called to testify at the trial of right-wing terrorists in connection with a bloody train bombing in 1974 hanged himself from a rope in his bedroom Monday, police said.

Police said the death of Ennio Scolari, 48, was a suicide. They said he left four letters, one of them addressed to the Bologna prosecutor at the trial, but did not disclose the contents.

On Assam poll duty

Bihar officials defy order

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Thousands of officials in Bihar state rejected an extra one-month salary offer and resolved Monday to disobey a government order asking them to go to Assam to help conduct state assembly elections in the troubled northeastern region, reports said.

Twenty associations of government employees announced that the order would be opposed "tooth and nail," "irrespective of consequences." The unions said the order to work in another state was "not only illegal and unconstitutional but administratively impractical and ethically intolerable." Assam state has been racked for the past three and a half years by a civil disobedience campaign demanding the disenfranchisement and deportation of hundreds of thousands of immigrants from neighboring Bangladesh.

The agitators have vowed to block the state elections scheduled to be held Feb. 14, 17 and 20.

Monday, Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra had announced that Bihar officials going the Assam would get an extra one month's salary and in case they die on election duty, their families would get \$20,500 compensation each. In addition, the relatives would be given full salary to the employee's scheduled year of retirement and after that a pension.

Meanwhile, a series of bombs exploded Monday in Assam. Bombs exploded in the home of a Communist Party supporter, a government employee and a Congress (I) Party worker, UNI said. There was no immediate report of casualties.

In Britain

2nd breakfast TV makes debut

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP) — Britain's second breakfast TV show in two weeks made a breezy debut at 6 a.m. (0600 GMT) Tuesday. It introduced four sky divers, 1,000 sailors, 6,000 civilians, 917 London pigeons and held out high prospects of success for early morning viewing provided a dispute over fees for actors in commercials can be resolved.

Before the British Broadcasting Corp. launched "Breakfast Time" at 6.30 (0630 GMT) Jan. 17, skeptics predicted that Britons would never take to the innovation of breakfast TV. But BBC executives said they were amazed at the high ratings scored by "Breakfast Time" and now executives of

TV-AM, which launched "Daybreak" on Independent Television, Britain's commercial network, are also expecting a big success.

"Daybreak's opening credits showed skydivers plunging earthward bearing a sign reading "good," cut to pigeons settling in London's Trafalgar Square to spell "morning," then showed sailors forming "Britain" on the deck of HMS Hermes, one of the nation's two aircraft carriers that took part in Falkland Islands War last year. Then, 6,000 citizens from the western port of Bristol got together to spell out the entire phrase "Good Morning Britain."

Winds, rain lash British coast

LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP) — Gale-force winds battered much of the British coast Tuesday, sending giant waves crashing over sea walls and flooding streets, houses and stores.

Western Scotland took the brunt of the storm, but police reported flooded roads elsewhere in Britain as Monday's snowstorms gave way to torrential rain. In Morecambe, Lancashire, a resort on England's northwest coast, five persons, including a policeman, were hospitalized after high waves overshot a

promenade sea wall, flooding the town. Cars and boats were tossed about by the tide.

Four of the injured were rescued from a house fire caused by flood water reaching electrical wiring, police said. The policeman, 22-year-old Stephen Marston, was trapped for a time by rising waters as he struggled to reach stranded homes near Morecambe Town Hall. A woman in Glasgow was struck by a piece of wood sent flying through the air by high winds Monday night, and police said they believe she suffered a fractured skull.

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specialty those of the Palestinian brothers." Wazzan said Lebanon had called at successive Arab summit conferences for the achievement of "a minimum of a unified Arab strategy and action on the Lebanese conditions." Now that it has been swept by Zionist occupation, Wazzan said, "Lebanon aspires for any Arab moves of any kind and at any level to bring it out of the abyss of tragedy which has been plaguing it for more than eight years."

With the United States being a partner in the current negotiations, the Lebanese government seems to be betting on America for breaking the impasse. Can such betting be useful and productive? Wazzan said the betting on America was imposed by concrete realities. "It was also imposed by our confrontation with Israel which is linked to the United States in several ways, making the latter the only country capable of influencing Israel and curbing its designs and goals. This betting has produced several positive results," Wazzan indicated.

The Lebanese premier revealed that Lebanon is still pinning hopes and concentrating on American efforts and pressures to put an end to occupation and effect withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Asked about rumors of discord with President Amin Gemayel, Wazzan said "Thank God, there is full harmony and accord with President Gemayel, especially concerning the main issues and important decisions."

On Muslim fears about the possibility of applying the "victor and vanquished" formula in Lebanon, Wazzan blasted the idea as a whole. "If such mentality or trend existed, the Lebanese existence itself would tremble because the Lebanese setup has well known characteristics and qualities. If such fears existed among Muslims about their conditions, they should exist among all Lebanese about their Lebanon," Wazzan emphasized.

"However, in the end I believe matters would be put in their proper perspective through the national policy of the present regime and Lebanon would return to its basic qualities and genuine values," Wazzan added.

As expulsion deadline expires

Ghanaian refugees go without food; twelve die

LOME, Feb. 1 (R) — An endless convoy of trucks, buses, taxis and cars continued to stream through the border here into Ghana Tuesday, carrying thousands more of an estimated one million Ghanaians ordered out of Nigeria.

But with the expiry of the Nigerian government's deadline for their expulsion as illegal aliens, at least 10,000 more were still waiting on the Lagos docks Monday night for ships the Ghanaian government had promised to ferry them home. Togolese officials Monday reckoned well over 300,000 of the exhausted and hungry refugees, many young men wearing only jeans and T-shirts and carrying few belongings, had flooded home as Ghanaian guards at the Aflao border point dispensed with formalities in a bid to get them through as fast as possible.

Accra radio, monitored in Abidjan, said food was scarce at the border point and warned it could take weeks to move all the refugees home unless Ghanaians responded better to a government appeal for vehicle owners to help. The radio reported 12 deaths among the refugees, two of them from exhaustion, though it was not clear whether the number included six who it said Monday died when their truck hit a low bridge in Accra.

At the port of Lagos, many Ghanaians complained they had no money for the overland trip home although the price has dropped sharply. They said they did not have enough money for food, that drinking water was scarce and toilet facilities non-existent. Over the weekend, the Nigerian authorities ordered the port cleared and asked Ghanaians still there to move to a special terminal at the airport some 25 kms away.

So far, the authorities have made no move to implement the order, apparently waiting to see how many would decide to take the land route through Benin and Togo after Ghana announced it would reopen the Aflao frontier post. Ghanaian shipping officials have been promising daily for the last four days that ships would arrive to ferry the aliens home and there was still no definite indication that the ships had left Accra on the 15-hour trip to Lagos.

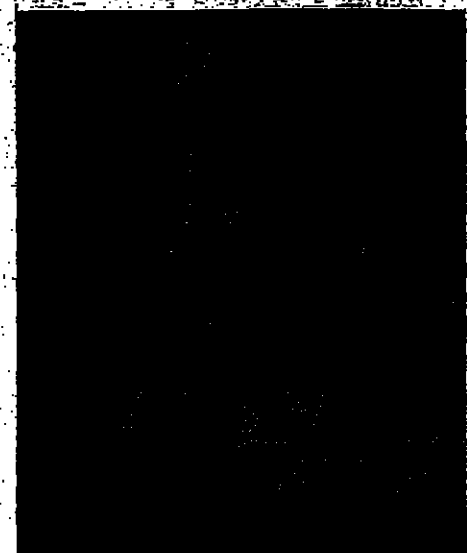
Nigerian radio, monitored by the BBC, said some 50,000 Ghanaians were at the airport and quoted a Ghanaian Airways official as saying the airline had increased its daily flight schedule to Lagos to a minimum of five flights a day.

Nigeria gave all but skilled and professional foreigners without the legal right to work in the country just two weeks to leave and the mass exodus appears to have carried most illegal aliens out. The authorities are now due to carry out search operations to root out those remaining. But Interior Ministry officials say those who have made plain their intention to leave would not be subject to arrest, trial and subsequent deportation.

Apart from the Ghanaians, the one million or so other West African nationals living illegally in Nigeria have also been returning home, though apparently causing fewer logistical problems. The biggest group after the

Ghanaians are 700,000 Chadians. Their Foreign Minister Idrees Misthine said Monday his government did not plan any reprisals against Nigeria's move despite its "suddenness and brutality."

Others have been going by camel, car, air, boat and on foot to Upper Volta, Senegal, Togo, Benin and the other members of the 16-nation Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) whose rules allow ECOWAS nationals to visit other member states for 90 days without visas.



BUSH IN BERLIN: U.S. Vice President George Bush is seen addressing a dinner meeting given by West Berlin's Mayor Richard von Weizsäcker in West Berlin Monday.

Bush, Vogel hold talks

WEST BERLIN, Feb. 1 (R) — U.S. Vice President George Bush, on the third day of a tour to boost European support for U.S. nuclear disarmament policy, Tuesday met Hans-Jochen Vogel, opposition candidate for chancellor. No details of their talks were immediately released.

In a speech Monday night, Bush made clear that Washington was sticking firmly to its demand for the scrapping of all Soviet land-based medium-range nuclear missiles in return for the cancellation of plans to deploy similar U.S. weapons in Europe from this year. He read a "letter to the people of Europe" from President Reagan challenging Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to sign such an agreement at a summit meeting.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly made clear that it will not agree to this so-called "zero option." Bush's tough speech, widely seen as an endorsement for Conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has supported the zero option while Vogel's Social Democrats (SPD) have been urging the U.S. to move from its opening negotiating position and seek a compromise.

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Athens	6	43	13	55	Mexico City	21	70	24	75
Bahrain	11	52	16	61	Miami	20	68	24	75
Bangkok	24	75	33	91	Montreal	0	32	2	36
Beirut	10	50	17	63	Moscow	-2	28	0	32
Belgrade	0	32	7	45	New Delhi	7	44	18	64
Berlin	1	34	6	43	New York	4	39	8	46
Buenos Aires	0	32	3	37	Nicosia	3	37	17	63
Calcutta	15	59	25	77	Oso	-9	16	-5	23
Calvin	9	48	19	66	Paris	3	37	12	54
Chicago	-7	19	-1	30	Peking	-1	30	1	34
Copenhagen	1	34	4	39	Perth	14	57	24	75
Dublin	1	34	8	46	Rio de Janeiro	23	73	37	99
Frankfurt	0	32	6	43	Rome	5	41	13	55
Geneva	1	34	5	41	San Francisco	8	46	14	57
Havana	18	64	30	86	Saudi	0	32	6	43
Helsinki	-13	9	-7	19	Singapore	24	75	31	88
Hong Kong	15	59	23	73	Stockholm	-4	25	1	34
Honolulu	16	61	25	77	Sydney	22	72	33	91
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	Taipei	16	61	24	75
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	Tokyo	2	36	10	50
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